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NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION OF PRIESTS OF SAINT BASIL — COLLECTED BY ROBERT JOSEPH SCOLLARD, CSB

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from confreres

received by

Robert J. Scollard,
C.S.B.

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All these are buried in peace,
but their name lives on and on.
At gatherings their wisdom is retold,
and the assembly sings their praises

(Sirach [Ecclesiasticus] 44, 14-15)

Joseph J. Abend 1
February 17, 1972

Thursday, Feb. 17, 72

Dear Bob:

Pardon the lined paper - it's easier for me to use if my tremor is acting up. Actually I feel very well. Just had a complete set of tests, and the M.D. was pleased.

By all means we have accomodations for you, and we'll be happy to have you. Jim [Hanrahan] too if he chooses to stay here. I'll drive you to your place if I can. March 3 is First Friday. We shall be a little busier than usual that day; Massess and Communions for the sick and the aged - but we'll work something out.

John Ruth will be away. He is "chaplain" to a group going to Spain for 8-10 days. He'll leave Feb. 26 or 27.

Elliott Allen and G[erry] McGuigan are here for a day or two, relaxing and resting. Very nice to have them. I was sorry to hear about John Egsgard. Bob O'Halloran's brother Jim, a Maryknoll priest, is about to apply for reduction to the lay state also.

The priests (CSB's) at St. Joseph's H.S. are feeling pretty low these days. I presume you have heard that their integration plan with the local public system has been almost a total rejection. Their future is uncertain, to put it mildly.

Let me know your travel plans and I'll try to meet you.

In Christ,

Joe Abend, CSB.

Fri, Mar. 10, 72

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter; very sorry to hear about Wally Platt. I hope he is making a good recovery.

The book (Houselander) just arrived - very grateful. Be sure to let me know when you plan to visit us again. Our weather has taken a turn for the better. I'll be glad to drive you when I'm free. I hope to visit my father in Pennsylvania sometime after Easter, but as of now I don't know any dates or times.

Keep well - regards to Dan Porter.

In Christ,

Joe Abend

P.S. If Bill Coughlin does not bring your cartons stored here, John Ruth will about March 21.

J.A.

(Transcribed, as was the letter of Feb. 17th, from the original which was deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Joseph J. Abend
May 5, 1972

St. Basil's Church
940 Rex Avenue
Ottawa 13, Ontario

Basilian Fathers Tel. 729-5140 —
729-5149

May 5, 72

Dear Bob,

Please feel free to alert me when you come to Ottawa for your next meeting. I'll be glad to meet you at the bus.

John Robbins has returned. His mother is making a good recovery. The pancreas was the seat of the trouble - also liver and gall bladder symptoms.

Peter Beaton wrote. He is on a temporary assignment to an Indian Mission for a month. He seems happy.

The Houselander book will be in the mail next week.

In Christ,

Joe Abend

(Transcribed from the original, then deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

St. Mary's College
Wilson and Wilcox
Box 1027
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Oct. 15, 1972

Dear Father,

The winter weather is getting closer. Yesterday it snowed a little. And today the weatherman promised us some more. That and the temperatures ranging between 30° and 40° are good reminders that winter is just around the corner.

Last weekend Hugh Foley and I drove to Ottawa. It took 11.5 hours to get there but it was worthwhile. The city and country side was beautiful especially the autumn colours in the trees. All those yellows, oranges, reds and greens were terrific. The confreres at St. Joseph's were all healthy. Hugh Mallon was visiting that weekend too. It was a very enjoyable visit.

Last summer's classes at O.C.E. paid off. Last Friday the sparate school board came through with a pay jump from group one to group four. So that's the end of summer school at O.C.E. I am sick of summer school and am not going back for a few summers. If there are theology or spiritual development programs on the Island I'd go. Anything else is not worth it.

Take care. God bless.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Tom Amlin

(Transcribed from the original, then deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish
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Montreal 260, Que.
Tel. 486-4795

Tuesday, January 30

Father Scollard:

Dear Bob:

I've done a bit of work on searching out the True Witness. I got a lead from Bishop Whalen (1071 Cathedral Street, Montreal 101) that Mr. Timothy Slattery (Off: 306 St. James St W. 288-0135; res: 470 Mt Stephen St 937-1647), a prominent lawyer, would be the best source. He seems to know quite a bit about it. And he said that you can feel free to write him.

Here are some facts he gave me: The True Witness was founded in 1865 and under Bishop Bourgeois and ran from then some 50-60 years under different names (Witness, Challenge, etc.). The founder was George Edward Clerk (?), a religious Scot, who married a French Canadian. The printer was John Gillis. Miss Agnes Coffey (d. c. 1968) did an M.A. thesis at McGill on George Clerk. Miss Coffey was a descendant of John Gillies. It is available at the University Library School at McGill 1805 Sherbrocke St. W. or at the Vanier Library at Loyola University (7141 Sherbrooke St. W.)

Mr. Slattery has a copy some place himself. All the original copies of The True Witness are available at the Gagnon Room, Montreal Municipal Library (1210 Sherbrooke St. E.) So these are some leads. I hope it's what you wanted.

I enjoyed my trip to Toronto and seeing all the confreres. I hope to see you all soon again, and to see you if you come to Montreal.

In Christ,

Peter

(Letter from Father Peter Beaton, transcribed from the original in the archives of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association)

A Note
February 7, 1973
From: Patrick O. Braden
To: Robert J. Scollard

Enclosed is a bit of history about the Basilians in Texas. Note fourth column, first paragraph.

We enjoyed Father [E.J.] McCorkell's visit to Houston and Father [Vincent] Kennedy's present visit. As you may know, Father [Vincent] Guinan is in the hospital with a malignancy and there does not a ppear to be any adequate treatment.

Pat

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NATIVE VOCATIONS, PART III

Hotel becomes a seminary

(Ed. Note: This is the third of a five-part series to be published in commemoration of the pioneers of the Cross, who were trained at St. Mary's Seminary to serve Him by serving His people).

By BOB GILES

Hearlad Civic Affairs Writer

La Porte - The Sylvan Beach Hotel was 15 - years - old when it became the first St. Mary's Seminary for the diocese.

Bishop Nicholas A. Gallagher, third ordinary of the diocese, acquired the once-majestic resort in the wake of the disastrous Galveston storm of Sept. 8-9, 1900. The storm has a crushing effect on the Sylvan Beach Hotel. It obliterated all water facilities and the beach, and rain damaged the hotel extensively. It crushed the spirit of the La Porte Improvement Company, owners of the hotel. Officials concluded that the hotel must be abandoned and it was. They also concluded that it should be sold rather than rebuilt. And sold it was.

When the rumour of discontinuing the Sylvan Beach Hotel subsided, the bishop became interested in the property. Previously, he had mentioned to his priests at the retreat that he planned to build a seminary for the diocese, and he would need their support. So, he asked a citizen of Old Town, James Sullivan Sr., whom the students later nicknamed Capt. Whiskers, to act as a go-between temporarily. The outcome of their chats was that the bishop made the deal with the company to buy their holdings on the shore.

In its pre-renovation days the hotel became known as St. Mary's Seminary, so named in honor of the patroness of the diocese, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

After Bishop Gallagher acquired the property, he set out to renovate the hotel into a seminary, and to have it ready for occupancy in the fall, 1901.

After the renovation was completed, the bishop asked the priests to send, if they had any, students to St. Mary's Seminary School for Boys.

It was ready to house, feed and teach them. So, the 1901-1902 academic year housed about 30 boys, ranging from fifth grade up and six seminarians, and the faculty, Sisters and caretaker.

PLACED UNDER the auspices of the Society of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers), faculty members were: Father James Player, C.S.B., president; Father [Vincent] Donnelly, treasurer; Father James C. Plomer, C.S.B., and Father Edward O'Neill, C.S.B. Three Dominican Sisters from Sacred Heart Convent, Galveston, were in charge of the domestic affairs.

Patrick Fitzgerald, a Civil War veteran was caretaker. "Mr. Fitz", as everyone called him, had various jobs around the institution from yardman, barnman, milkman, kitchen aid to a kind of "cheer up" and buffer between the homesick youngster and the lonesome place. On drab rainy evenings, since there were no recreational facilities, except dominoes, table games and Ping-Pong, he would entertain the brood and the willing with yarns about Vicksburg, Dick Dowling, and railroading through Arizona and fighting scalping Indians.

During the first year of its existence the seminary became, so to state, part of the town. Faculty members became known and the students generally observed as, "our seminary boys". The seminary competed against the Texas Military Institute, Morgan's Point, in baseball and won the trophy, a pennant and a cup donated by the La Porte Herald. Misfortune end the T.M.I. that summer: Fire left only ashes on the spot.

Succeeding years brought an increase of seminarians, students and accommodations had to be found. Some of the willing already had beds in the attic. Faculty members decided to renovate the entire attic into sleeping quarters. Even this effort failed by the steady increase of the number. The bishop decided to build a fireproof building for the lay students and reserve the wooden hotel for the seminarians and professors.

THE NEW "cement building" relieved the squeeze. On the ground floor were the kitchen, dining hall, pantry and laundry; the chapel and student hall were on the first floor; on the eastern part of the second floor were rooms for the president and bishop and the infirmary and on the western part of the second floor was the Sisters chapel. All top stories were dormitories for students.

For the dedication on March 25, 1908, a large celebration was staged. Three large train loads of visitors from Houston and Galveston held a picnic at Sylvan Beach. In the afternoon a Dedication Mass was celebrated and a baseball game played on the institution's grounds.

The year before, 1907, five seminarians who pursued and completed theology were ordained at St. Mary's Seminary, became members of the first class ordained from the official diocesan seminary. Ordained were Father J.L. O'Leary, Father Robert Frei and Father Joseph Kunc for the Diocese of Galveston; Father Jose Solzona of the Diocese of Brownsville; and Father R. Gagon of the Diocese of Dalls who died soon after his ordination.

(Research courtesy of Father James Vanderholt, superintendent of schools, Diocese of Beaumont)

(Transcribed from the original, placed in a scrapbook at St. Basil's College, Toronto)

Institution Secondaire
du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
Tél 256 C.C.P. Lyon 33-32

Annonay, le 31 Décembre 1971.

Mon Père.

Ce matin, alors que l'année 1971 s'achève, je me décide enfin à vous écrire pour vous souhaiter, à mon tour, une bonne année 1972.

Et, tout d'abord, que je vous remercie pour ce peine que vous vous êtes donnée pour trouver une carte de Noël en Français à Toronto. Ici, à Annonay où je finis mes vacances de Noël, pas question d'en trouver une en Anglais!

Je vois que vos travaux historiques s'accroissent sans cesse. Ces jours-ci, j'ai vu le père Pouzol qui était en train d'essayer de se rappeller les prières utilisées autrefois dans la communauté, pour vous les envoyer. Je crois que vous allez aussi rédiger un petit mémoire sur les dates et les lieux d'ordination des confrères basiliens. Donc, beaucoup de recherches en perspectives.

Il faut bien que je vous donne maintenant quelques nouvelles de France. Actuellement, je suis au Collège du Sacré-Coeur à Annonay et je dois y rester jusqu'au 2 janvier, date à laquelle nous regagnerons Issy-les-Moulineaux. Les confrères d'Annonay essaient de profiter au maximum de leurs vacances scolaires pour se reposer des fatigues du premier trimestre. Tout le monde va bien, à l'exception du Père Robert, qui est bien fatigué depuis quelques temps. Mais, ce

n'est pas bien grave! Le Père Mallon a l'air de bien se porter.

Partontre, la situation à la maison St Basile est moins "réjouissante". Nous avons perdu deux membres en moins de 15 jours, au début décembre. Joseph Hunt, qui n'avait jamais réussi à s'adopter à la vie à Issy et au Séminaire St Sulpice est rentré au Canada. Mais, ce n'est pas tout! En effet, un scolastique français, Bernard Forel a quitté la communauté au début des vacances de Noél. Cette décision nous a tous passablement "remués". Ce qui est inquiétant, c'est que l'avenir de la communauté franéaise est en train de se jouer. Nous étions déjà peu nombreux! Que dire maintenant, d'autant plus que la situation risque encore de se dégrader d'ici la fin de cette année scolaire. Je crains que d'autres défections interviennent assez rapidement.

Mis à part ces évènements guère agréables, la vie à la Maison St Basile continue toujours tant bien que mal. Le Père Principe est toujours plongé dans sa thèse: je crois que cela avance sérieusement. Jim Farge va des Archives à la Bibliothèque Nationale, en passant par la bibliothèque de la Sorbonne, à la recherche de documents pour son travail. Le Père Michel Deglène, avec les évènements que je viens de vous décrire, ne passe pas des jours très agéables; pour finir, son père est tombé malade, mais cela va un peu mieux maintenant. Frank Amico a été assez affecté par le départ de Joseph Hunt. Espérons qu'il parviendra à surmonterce passage difficile. Quant à nous, scolastiques français, Gérard Mathevet et moi-même, nous essayons de "survivre" au milieu de tout cela, ainsi que Bruno Berthoulet, un associé qui vit

avec nous depuis 2 ans. Quant à François Morfin, depuis la mi-septembre, il accomplit ses obligations militaire en ... enseignant dans une collège secondaire à Sangm'elima, au Cameroun. Je pense qu'il s'y est bien habitué, mais il doit se faire quelques soucis à propos de ce qui se passe à la Maison St Basile.

Voila pour cette fois. J'espère que la prochaine fois que je vous écrivai, j'aurai des nouvelles moins pénibles à vous annoncer.

Je vous prie de croire, mon Père, à mes sentiments très respectueux et vous demande de penser à nous dans vos prières, car nous en avons bien besoin en ce moment difficile.

A Happy New Year!

B. Buisson, C.S.B.

(Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

The Aquinas Institute
1127 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14613

August 27, 1972.

Dear Bob,

I met your brother, Dave, yesterday and he asked me to give you his best regards so I thought I should drop you a note, since my visit to Toronto for the convention was my first since the Chapter of '61, so I didn't know when I would see you again. I was preaching at St. Anthony's in Red Bank, N.J. He came in to see me after the Mass when he heard me say I was a Basilian. He's very happy in the parish since he feels the Monsignor is holding the line on too much liberation. It was a very nice parish. I got about $1300. Not bad because it is the smallest of the two parishes in the City.

Mrs. Leonard, whom we saw at Providence Villa died. The message was here for me when I got home last night.

Nobody here has changed at all after the Convention as far as I can see. I enjoyed my visit to Toronto very much - amazed at the changes in the city. No more news. Just wanted to tell you I met your brother and convey his message. Also met a grad of John Fisher in the parish. Small world all told.

My best,

John Burke.

(Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

St. Mary's Rectory
46 Myrtle Street
Melrose, Mass. 02176

Nov. 28, 1972

Dear Fr. Scollard,

"Happy the men whose strength you are! They go from strength to strength" (Psalm 84 from Friday's Mass)

The above text is my subject for a short homily at the parish 6:45 AM Mass this Friday. As I was working on it, the thought occured to me what a source of strength Community life is.

It is confreres like you who make it so! Your letter with its words of encouragement and Basilian news was most appreciated.

Since that Advent-Christmas series I have written two shorter ones for publication with Novalis in Ottawa. These will be for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

I never expected to celebrate our Community's 150th Birthday in a Dominican house, yet that is what I did. Every other week or so I go out to St. Stephen's Priory in Dover to stay overnight.

They are conducting an Inter-Community Formation Program there. On November 21 they were having a special meeting to plan next semester's courses. There must have been a dozen of the Dominican faculty there and about 120 sisters and brothers participating.

We concelebrated a Community Mass at 5, shared dinner together, and then we "split" - they had

their planning meeting while I went with Fr. Eugene Bondi to a prayer meeting he has every Tuesday evening.

Basilian contacts abound here. Already I have met a high school classmate of Bill Stoba's and the former pastor of Al Galen's home parish. Both of these men are Sacred Heart Fathers. And would you believe that my pastor here at St. Mary's has a brother who was one of Fr. [John] Onorato's closest friends when Father served as a chaplain in the service!

Thanks agin for your kind letter and God's blessing on your Advent preparations for Christmas. Give my best wishes to the Toronto confreres.

In Christ,

Albert Cylwicki, C.S.B.

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James E. Daley 17
May 7, 1972

St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton 61, Alberta

Director of Student Affairs
May 7, 1972.

Dear Father Scollard,

Excuse me for being so remiss in writing to you this year. I thought you should know that Father Wilf Dore had a slight stroke last Wednesday (the 3rd). I have already phoned Helen Burns, so the news will get around. But, I thought you might like the details.

Last Wednesday at 9.00 A.M., Father Dore phoned me on the Intercom and asked if I would take him to the hospital. I went to his room and helped him dress. He had little use of his right arm, but, otherwise he was mobile. None of his faculties (speech, etc.) was affected. We got his doctor on the phone. I encouraged him to pack a few things before we left for the hospital, but, Father insisted that he would be "right back." (You know how stubborn Father can be!) When we got to the Emergency at The Edmonton General Hospital, the doctor was there. He refused to let Father return to the College to collect his belongings. Instead, he put him in a private room, and he sent me home to get his personals. Father Dore was very patient. Not much was done for him until Friday morning when a vascular surgeon discovered a blood clot, apparently on the left side of Father's neck. The doctor planned to remove it on Saturday. However, he discovered, too, that it was soft and he decided to wait for a week or so until it hardened before operating. Hence, Father Dore

has a week to relax and get some physical therapy for his right arm before the operation. He is resigned to being in hospital. I was alone with Father Dore when he took the attack, except for John Janisse. Fathers Courtney and Firth were in Jasper for the Archdiocesan Re-retreat and Pender [Russell Pendergrast] was in Toronto.

John Janisee tells me that he has dropped you a line. He leaves for Vancouver this week, under the dubious protfolio of working in the library at St. Mark's - a library which is in a far better state than our own, in terms of staff-personnel. One suspects that our House is being "used" by St. Mark's. But, the change will be good for John. He has done fine work here, although Father Dore would not agree with that.

By default, I am a representative for the Western Region of the Congregation to the pre-Chapter convention. Ted Sullivan is leaving the University of Calgary and returning East. He did not think that he should accept his election to represent the West. I was the alternate. At the first meeting of the delegates, held in Calgary in late March, I was elected Secretary of the delegates. For a man who got in by default, I have ended up with all the printing details. Once a secretary, always a secretary!! (You trained me too well!) Seriously, I was much impressed with the gathering of delegates in Calgary in March. We meet again this Saturday (the 13th)

Keep Father Dore in your good prayers. -

In Christ.

Jim Daley

St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton 61, Alberta

Director of Student Affairs
September 15, 1972.

Dear Father Scollard,

Frank Firth gave me a copy of the bound edition of your Basilian Historical Bulletin. I have contributed it to the local community library. Only you, with your years of experience, could have produced such a thing. In a way, it is embarrassing because it points out how little we publish! Perhaps, it will spur some of us on.

Father Dore enjoyed his trip East. Helen and Charlie Burns wanted to keep him there, but, he is glad to get back West. He has found a good physical therapist who is helping him recover from his troke of last May. In addition, he is teaching one course in Philosophy (6 hours a week), which either Father Firth or myself can take over in an emergency. Please God, that will not happen. As you know, Father Dore is very precious to us.

We expect Cardinal Flahiff today. He is to participate in a Western Canada gathering of the Serra Club. His Eminence has many offers for accommodations, but, he prefers to stay here with his confreres - much to our joy.

I am enclosing a few leaflets about St. Joseph's for your files. Of course, there is no way in which you can appreciate our work here without a personal visit! Every year, I seem to be

twisting your arm to come West for a visit. Perhaps you can slip it into your plans for the summer of '73.

May our Dear Lord continue to bless you in every way, and, thanks again for the BHB.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Daley

(This letter and that of May 7th were transcribed from the original, then deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan
1437 College Drive
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Nov. 3/1971.

Dear Fr Scollard,

Thank you for your last letter. The two cartons of magazines have arrived, I notice. They are (stting) in the library as yet unpacked.

Enclosed you will find two copies of my latest article in the Prairie Messenger. It explains some of the contemplated changes at S.T.M. Fr. Ian Boyd has made quite a bit of propaganda against the changes with the result that a fast public relations job became necessary in order to present both sides of the argument to the public. I myself was not in favour of allowing non-Catholics into the corporation either, but cannot see how it can be changed at this stage. Anywary, 2 copies for your archives.

Thank you also for your latest Basilian Historical Bulletin. One possible member for the Canadian Catholic Historical Association is a graduate student and teaching assistant at the University of Alberta: Mr. Raymond Huel
Dept. of History
Univ. of Alberta
Edmonton 7, Alberta.

We have two more Ph D's this week, Ernie McCullough and Jim Penna who defended their theses this week in Toronto.

If you desire copies of my abortion booklet (see advertisement on St. Thomas More spread) I am afraid I will have to charge you for them. Ernie McCullough and myself are financing it

privately and we can't afford to give them away. You might want some for St. Michael's, St. Basil's, archives.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Al

PS I can't find Campion College Library on your list of Canadian Catholic Historical Association [members] (Univ. of Saskatchewan, Regina) You could also write to the Dept. of History, Campion College. The heading of your circulars still has the old name and old address in Toronto (Seminary, Toronto 5)

Al.

Enclosure

Prairie Messenger
November 7, 1971. Page 9

St. Thomas More, 1936-1971
Thirty Five Years
Rev. Alphonse de Valk, csb

In September 1936, a new name plate was attached to a little white house on the edge of the small University of Saskatchewan campus. Printed in Gothic lettering the name plate read: St. Thomas More College. Thus in the middle of the depression there was launched a new venture in co-operative and Catholic higher education.

Thirty-five years later, in the fall of 1971, we find St. Thomas More substantially the same, yet significantly changed. The article is written

primarily to inform the Catholic community on the Canadian prairies of the present developments of this College, together with a glance at its immediate past and future.

The Corporation of St. Thomas More College, meeting on Saturday, October 23, re-affirmed the Catholic character of the College while at the same time allowing for non-Catholic participation. The corporation, consisting of tenured faculty, Basilian Fathers, students, alumni representatives and representatives of the dioceses of Saskatchewan, approved the following:

1. The proposed re-organization of the College structure and the consequent changes in the original Act of Incorporation of 1943. These changes are to be submitted to the Saskatchewan Legislature. The most important change is the transfer of the power to make by-laws from the College Council to the Corporation.

2. the admission of students to the administrative and governing bodies of the College.

3. the admission of a limited number of Canadians (either Catholic or non-Catholic) to the administrative and governing bodies of the College. (At present all members of Corporation must be Saskatchewan residents and Catholics.)

4. the inclusion of a requirement for a three-quarter majority of all members of Corporation for any future changes in the above provision re membership.

5. the continued role of the Superior-General of the Basilian Fathers to appoint the Principal and Treasurer of the College in consultation with the Corporation.

After the additions and changes to the Bill of Incorporation had been voted upon and approved with a substantial majority, the Corporation passed the following motion unanimously:

"That Corporation,having approved the suggested changes in the Act of Incorporation (1943) to be submitted to the Legislature of Saskatchewan, understands and maintains:

a) that St. Thomas More College has not, thereby, become an Interdenominational College,

b) that St. Thomas More College, though a Catholic College with some ecumenical participation"

The approved changes are a reflection of developments within the College, especially during the last ten years.

Early History

The College was officially founded in 1936 when Bishop Murray, CSsR, of Saskatoon, President Murray of the University of Saskatchewan and the Rev. Henry Carr, CSB, agreed upon its establishment. As early as 1919 the Bishop of Prince Albert - Saskatoon, Msgr. Pascal, OMI, had called for the establishment of a Catholic College on the University campus in order to encourage Catholic students to take up higher education and to provide them with a hospitable and familiar environment.

The project was not carried out at the time because of the hope of Archbishop Mathieu of Regina to provide for higher education in Western Canada by means of independent Catholic Colleges, one in Gravelbourg for French-speaking Catholics and one in Regina for English-speaking Catholics. However, these hopes proved vain when

it became clear that the Saskatchewan Legislature intended to reserve all provincial degree granting powers and financial assistance to the provincial University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

In 1926 Catholic laymen of Saskatoon requested and received approval from Bishop Pascal's successor, Msgr. Prud'homme, to open a Newman Club on the University campus. An appointment in Scholastic Philosophy was secured for Rev. B. Markle from the Archdiocese of Toronto and a house was built on the corner of College Drive and Bottomley Avenue. The latter served as residence for Father Markle and as clubhouse for Catholic students on campus.

It was this building which in 1936 became the University's first federated College, named after the newly canonized (1935) sixteenth-century Chancellor of England, Thomas More. The direction of the College was assumed by the Basilian Fathers of Toronto and its status as a Catholic federated College was subsequently formalized by an Act of Incorporation in 1943.

Later History

Having started with a handful of students in 1936, the College has grown to 800 students and a staff of 32. In 1943 the original house was enlarged only to be replaced by an entirely new building in 1956. Further wings were added in 1963 and 1969.

During these thirty-five years St. Thomas More firmly established the federated college as an integral part of the Saskatchewan University system, setting the pattern for the more recently

established colleges on the Regina campus. As a federated liberal arts college, St. Thomas More is financially independent, but academically merged. The latter means:

1) that the College does not grant its own degrees;

2) that its staff must conform to the University's academic qualifications and that its duly appointed professors become members both of the College and the University.

3) that its students may take any number or all of their classes from professors outside the College and that they belong at one and the same time to the College and to the University;

4) that the College staff teaches a large number of University students not registered at the College.

Educational Identity

It is only fitting that provincial universities, paid for by all citizens, reflect in some way the variety of values among those citizens. While a few people still believe that disciplines in the humanities can and ought to be taught independently from the teachers' pseronal philosophy, most people today regard such views as the product of mid-nineteenth century woolly thinking.

No course is ever taught "objectively". Every course reflects in some way or another the personality and philosophy of the teacher. By joining the College, members of the St. Thomas More community publicly acknowledge that they have such values and that they believe these values to be part of the Christian tradition and philosophy of life.

Religious Identity and Recent Changes

In the Act of Incorporation of 1943, St. Thomas More College is defined as "a College to be conducted under the authority of the Roman Catholic Church". There will be no change in this definition in the new Act. Yet, changes have taken place in two areas: in the management of the College, and in its students and staff. In both areas the changes have been partly deliberate and partly circumstantial.

Administration

Until approximately ten years ago the College was entirely directed and governed by the priests of the Congregation of St. Basil. Today the administration of the College is no longer exclusively in the hands of the Basilian Fathers.

Following the opening of the new building in 1956, the number of students steadily increased with a consequent need to increase the staff. Over the years were added more and more professors who were not priests. It became evident that the College Council, hitherto the only governing body and identical with the three-member "local council" of the Basilian religious house would no longer suffice.

Thus in 1963 a consultative body of all staff members, the Faculty Forum, was created. The growth of the College and the general directions and spirit of Vatican II, which did not look favourably upon religious communities owning large properties and advocated lay participation, initiated a series of administrative changes between 1966 and 1971 which can be summarized as follows:

1) The offices of religious superior and principal of the College were separated.

2) The Corporation (the legal trustee of the College) was broadened to include staff with tenure, three alumni representatives, students, faculty and representatives of the (6) Catholic dioceses of Saskatchewan.

3) The College Council was enlarged to include representatives from the Corporation, faculty and students.

Students and Staff

Throughout its tirty-five years of service to higher education in Saskatchewan, St. Thomas More has always opened its classes to all university students regardless of creed. As mentioned before, students do not have to register at St. Thomas More in order to take classes from College professors.

In 1970 more than 1,000 students registered in other colleges took classes offered by St. Thomas More professors. However in the past both staff and students registered in the College have been exclusively members of the Catholic Church. This is no longer the case.

The first professor who was not a Catholic was hired in 1967. Today, in 1971, there are five members of the staff who are not members of the Catholic Church. Similarly, since a number of non-Catholic students expressed their desire to belong to the College, the former confessional restriction on such students was removed in 1969 with the concurrence of University officials. Today there are some two dozen non-Catholic students registered at St. Thomas More.

These changes, though perhaps not sufficiently aired and discussed at the time, were accepted by a large majority of the staff and students as being part of the ecumenical spirit generated by Vatican II. Just as pluralism in the University is given concrete form through the existence of colleges such as St. Thomas More, so St. Thomas More in its turn wanted to give some visible expression as a Catholic College to the better understanding among Christian communities. However, such a course of action eventually raises the question: Just how far can one go in the latter direction without endangering the former? In other words, how ecumenical can a College be, without ceasing to be a Catholic College.

October 23 Meeting

This question came to a head at a six hour meeting of the Corporation, Saturday, October 23. This meeting, in turn, had already been preceded by three two-hour meetings of the Faculty Forum, not to mention the meetings of Council which had taken the initiative in preparing the changes for incorporation into a new Act over a year ago.

The deliberations came to this: should members not of the Catholic faith be admitted to the Corporation, the legal trustee of the College which by law consists of Catholics only? The College Council proposed that such persons be accepted, though restricted, together with non-Saskatchewan residents, to no more than 20 per cent of the total membership. Thus the meeting of Corporation brought the developments of the previous five years to a conclusion, at least as far as the College's administrative bodies are concerned.

Not surprisingly, the meeting was dramatic with both opponents and advocates presenting a variety of views. Among the opponents some feared the loss of the College's Catholic character; others approved of the ecumenical developments but saw no need to change the membership of the Corporation for that reason; others again argued that the 20 per cent limitation was arbitrary, would only create difficulties in the future and that, therefore, it would be better not to admit non-Catholics at all.

Among the advocates of the proposal were those who felt that in order to build a true community no one should be excluded from any part of the College structure; others argued that to exclude certain members meant discrimination; again others pointed to the example of Catholic colleges and universities elsewhere. Indeed, some did not like the 20 per cent restriction clause of the proposal - itself already a compromise - and would have preferreed not to have any restrictions at all. None of the advocates felt that there would be any danger to the Catholic character of the College.

The proposal was carried with a vote of 15 in favor; 6 against and 2 abstaining. Immediately after the vote, the motion affirming St. Thomas More to be essentially a Catholic college though with some ecumenical participation, was passed unanimously. The decisions of Corporation are now to be submitted to the College Council meeting of November 13 for approval and further action. Until the new Act is passed in the Legislature the Council is still the main governing

body. After that date, the powers of making by-laws will be transferred to the Corporation.

Thus thirty-five years after first opening its doors, St. Thomas More College proceeds on new ways, yet intends to remain true to its original ideals. The requirement of a three-quarter majority of all members of Corporation for any future changes in membership should provide stability.

As staff members who achieve tenure become eligible for membership in the Corporation, the restrictive 20 per cent clause will necessarily serva as a guide to hiring policies. At the same time this clause will provide a guarantee for Catholicity in the strict legal sense of the term. But as the law by itself cannot guarantee anything at all, the wider senses of the term Catholic will have to be provided, now as before, by the spirit and efforts of the community of Christians which bears that name. Ad multos annos.

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St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan
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March 2, 1972.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,
St. Basil's College,
95 St. Joseph Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Father Scollard:

You are to be congratulated on finally getting out the Study Sessions, 1970. These papers are really worthwhile getting in print; the French section is especially good but I am happy to see some papers on the Church in English Canada. The annual report booklet which came out a little earlier is also a valuable addition. What, now, are the plans about the papers for 1971? Is the introductory note still correct and will the papers no longer be published? That would mean the end of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association, English Section.

Do you know when the English section will meet? I really should belong to the Canadian Historical Association, then I would find out these things. Re-reading your letter of December 15, 1971, I see your request for a book review in the Prairie Messenger. I will take care of it as soon as possible. In the meantime, I have mentioned the Association in the first of my seven articles on the Church in English Canada which appeared in the Prairie Messenger in January and February.

Enclosed you will find two copies of the only two issues so far of the Chelsea Bulletin. I am supposed to be on leave, and no one else had the courage to carry on for this year. I am also enclosing one copy of Abortion Politics in Canada which you have not yet received, I believe.

The Canadian Religious Conference in Ottawa has thanked me for the information which I sent them re archives for religious communities, but there was no mention what is to be done in the future.

Thank you also for your latest Historical Bulletin. The set should please the professional archivist.

There is little Basilian news here. Kevin is doing fine and the cold does not seem to affect the arthritis one way or the other. Bud Paré will be going to St. Basil's College for a year which means that we won't have a Newman chaplain next year. That doesn't seem to bother our Principal and Regional Superior at all, mainly because he doesn't understand the significance and role of student chaplains. Temperature, yesterday, was 34 below, but it will soon warm up.

Regards,

Al.

P.S. Our librarian, Madeleine Bayet, has left us for Winnipeg. We will have a new one in May. In the meantime Mrs. Brown has missing Theological Studies 1970, No. 1. It is out of print. Would you by chance have an extra copy. Who will speak at the next CCHA?

Al

St. Thomas More College
1437 College Drive
Saskatoon, Canada
Monday, Sept. 18/72.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Thank you for the bound copy of the Historical Bulletin; it really looks nice. I will place it in the community room with the remainder of our Basilians which occupies 2 shelves now. Are you planning to bring out other bulletins? I also received the 1971 Report of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association in the mail today. We certainly seem to be catching up thanks to your work. If the 1972 volume comes out this year as well we are in an excellent position. In sending my catalogue to universities, etc., I received requests for information from two sources which may be of help to you and the Canadian Catholic Historical Association.

a) Coutts Library Service
   4290 Third Avenue
   Niagara Falls, Ont.

b) Canadian Serials Directory
   Box 6437, Station G
   Vancouver 8, B.C.

Both will pay for your Report if you include invoice.

Regards

Al.

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Alphonse A. de Valk
January 11, 1973

St. Thomas More College
1437 College Drive
Saskatoon, Canada
Jan. 11/1972 [sic] 1973.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Our library has a duplicate set of Les Petits Bollandistes Vies des Saints par Mgr. Paul Guérin, 17 vols., septième édition, 1874, incl. index volume. Are you interested in having this set for St. Michael's?

I was very pleased with my trip to Holland during the Christmas holidays and happy to see my parents again after three and a half years; but they are getting old. The confreres here are well. Father Ian Boyd is with his parents in Edmonton at the moment.

YoursSincerely

Al de Valk

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Assumption Church
350 Huron Church Rd.
Windsor 10, Ontario
Phone 253-2493

Feb. 5, 1973

Dear Bob:

We sure enjoyed your letter and all the news which the fathers here enjoyed very much. That small hospital sure is filled with characters and no day is dull there with such men as McIntyre and Rush. Our only real sick man in these parts is Billy McGee and I saw him two days ago and he was fine. He has his ups and downs and is getting ready to celebrate his 50th day [sic, years] of priesthood in a couple of weeks. It is a concelebrated Mass and I have been invited to be on the Mass.

The new president at Assumption University, is Fr. Leonard Kennedy. There were three running - Babe [Norbert] Ruth, [Edward] Pappert and Kennedy. Leonard got a call from Joe Wey and he said he had been appointed. He seems to be happy with the new appointment and with Joe [Culliton] as Superior they have a good team to keep things interesting. Apparently there is a lot of reorganization between the Basilian Fathers and Assumption College. The finances and other things got tangled up. Se shall see what comes of it. Laj [Father Ernest Lajeunesse] and myself keep telling them to hand over some of that loose change they have over there to help decorate the church. They forget all the money the parish gave them in the old days and that the property was given to the parish and the college.

I drop in at [Assumption] High School every Saturday and have dinner with the boys. They have great spirit and harmony there and it is a joy to visit them. Ferg [Sheehy] is in great humor in spite of losing muchly at the raceway. Army [Charles Armstrong] is going strong. He was going to a cricket banquet on Saturday night with the majority being black people. Last year Army went and just before the banquet they told him he was the main speaker. With a couple of additional Scoth's he said he wasn't too bad. Father [Patrick] Lalonde, the new High School man, is going strong and they seem to like him. [Jim] Bowie takes things in stride and they make a fine team. Father [John P.] Hanrahan is back from Guest House and hope he will persevere. You never know with him when he might get on a tear.

[Frank] Orsini is causing a little stir with that beard of his. If you haven't seen it yet, you should come to Amherstburg. It is woth the trip. Its a gray beard and makes him look really different - like one of the Patriarchs. He said the place was dead and he wanted to cause a little action. Roger DeBilly is going strong and against the beard. Not much news from Matt Killoran who has trouble with circulation in one leg. At Catholic Central Jerry French is going strong on the cooking; he really likes it. They have a great basketball team and hope to be State champs. Well Bob keep well and look after Fr. Allor and the others in that hospital. I hope Fr. [W.H.] Murray has figured out why he got all the cards on his 50th. All the best for now.

Sincerely,

J.A. Donlon

The Basilian Fathers
ASSUMPTION CHURCH
2775 University West
Windsor, Ontario

Feb. 13, 1973

Dear Bob:

I am writing to you for information -- are we covered by the Blue Cross for Semi-private rooms at the hospital? I was in Hotel Dieu and they say we are covered for private rooms and wanted to know the number. Can you get this for me. I had a minor operation and was there for a week. Apparently Vi McIntyre also owes them money for a private room also. When you send me the information it will cover him also. We have had colder weather of late but the sun is shining brighter. They had a big do at [Assumption] High School on Friday night - it was the Dad's Club Party and John Murphy won $100.00 We had Fr. [Richard] Ramirez - I don't know how to spell his name - for a couple of days; he was at all the schools and telling them about their program in Mexico; he was very interesting and he has the zeal. [Leland] Higgins had him on this tour to help the Missions. All are well in these parts and waiting for the Spring weather. Hope your health is excellent and all the best.

Sincerely,

Fr. Donlon

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Joseph B. Dorsey
January 12, 1972

ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE
Rochester, New York 14618

Executive Vice President
January 12, 1972

Rev. Robert Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Bob:

I have in hand a large silver medal engraved as follows:

"Founded by Rev. Patrick J. Maddigan, for the students of our Commercial Course, A.D. 1876."

"Awarded to Chas. W. O'Rourke, A.D. 1876"
"Sigill. Coll. S. Michaelis. SUB-REGIM. CONGR. Sti. Basilii Apud. Toronto. A.S.N. MDCCCLII"

"Bonitatem et disciplinam et scientiam doce me"

The Charles W. O'Rourke is the maternal great uncle of Mrs. James Walsh, wife of the Vice President of Monroe Community College, Rochester, New York. Her uncle came from Shakespeare, Ontario.

She and Jim were intrigued by their inter-connection with the Basilians of the past; Jim has been a good friend of mine and Charlie's [Lavery] since he came to Rochester some years ago.

I volunteered to inquire about any further information on Rev. Pat J. Maddigan and/or Charles W. O'Rourke that the college archives might contain. Do we have "formal" archives of the college? Might they contain any information on either of these persons. Do you have access to the archives, or who is the person to whom I might write?

Hope you are keeping well - you haven't been to Fisher for quite a while; why not pay us a visit?

I would appreciate any appropriate response to this.

Sincerely,

Joe Dorsey

JBD:mt

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Joseph B. Dorsey
January 25, 1972

ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE
Rochester, New York 14618

Executive Vice President
January 25, 1972

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
St. Basil's College
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 181, Canada

Dear Bob:

Thank you sincerely for the prompt attention to my "curious" request. I have forwarded the information to Jim Walsh and his wife, and I8ve written to Norm.

By the way, I have over 1,000 feet of 8 mm colored movies that will be bequeathed to the college archives at the "appropriate" time. One roll of about 400 ft. is exclusively of Basilians in different houses (e.g. Saskatoon, Ottawa, St. Michael's) many priests, and various events; the others are students, faculty, dances, football, initiation, etc. And in writing to you it has occurred to me that I will try to have the whole "batch" copied at Kodak, now, if it isn't too expensive, and forwarded to you for depositing under your care. Some day they should have some value. I also have aural tapes, and I'll check those and try to have them copied - I have Phelan, Flahiff, Pegis, Maritain (I think, but it's poor - he never could talk), and maybe others. If I get a free Saturday some time I'll put all these together.

Good to "converse" on paper - I'll let you know the Retreat schedule.

Sincerely,

Joe

Rev. Joseph B. Dorsey, C.S.B.

JBD:mt

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Wilfrid J. Dwyer
March 1972

Diocesan Pastoral Center
Information Service
145 St. Patrick Street
Ottawa K1N 7B2

Dear Fr. Scollard -

Thank you for your kind letter and for the prompt action on the lists of our departed. Fr. [Wally] Platt went right to work and they arrived yesterday. With them a Limerick:

"Tis holy and wholesome, tis said
To frequently pray for the dead
So here are the lists
I trust no one is missed
But your name is not there to be read."

He told me I owe him two limericks, so I have to start composing.

Father [John] Gaughan spent a couple of days at St. Joe's [St. Joseph's High School]. He left this morning for Toronto. I hope we get good news from J[oseph] O'Donnell. All best wishes,

Sincerely in Christ,

W.J. Dwyer

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Feb. 7, 1972

Dear Bob,

This will say thank you for the copies of your recent work, 'The Basilian Novitiates'. My only fautl - there are no mistakes in it. Whenever I do anything, you can always find a mistake or two. You have done a remarkable service to this Congregation in all your publications. You have preserved for those who come after us remarkable source material. I don't know whether I told you that I condensed your biographies which we read after dinner each evening and for a year. These were the most interesting readings we have had sinc eht "Imitation" has been cast aside. I had intended to continue it but it seemed best to take a year off and perhaps go over them again.

I have had a busy weekend. My brother, Walter and his wife Katherine visited Houston, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is much for a visitor to see and they kept me busy through those days. It is interesting how you can show strangers - friends to the city the same interesting sights and enjoy it although you have seen them many times yourself.

One might doubt whether Father[Hugh] Haffey will ever want another sabbatical year. He is already tired decorating his room, watching television, etc. He does check the car list daily and God help anyone who doesn't act according to his rules. He has had a difficult year with the three operations but I think his rest period is more difficult than either. He was pleased with Sr. Antionette's celebration and has distributed the sermon to us who are interested in Haffey lore.

I hope that they will find something for him. He is brilliant but sometimes must do things in the Haffey which is at times unique and unacceptable to some. He does like to put on a show.

Your letters are always packed with interesting items which lets one know what is going on. The new breviary has not invaded Texas and we shall await the new translation. Father [Frank] Monaghan has one and a couple of others. I enjoy office and find it much shorter than in those days when I had much to do. We shall conform when the new appears.

The University players put on Camelot on three evenings last week and the Sisters of St. Joseph Hospital had their annual supershow last Saturday night. Bob Hope was the star performer. I am sorry for him - this is his 6th appearance and it is hard to make people laugh for 3/4 of an hour for six years. His associates were good - a colored man by the name of Kirby, Vicki Carr and Bobby Rogers. It was great for my Wellsville visitors. They had never seen these men in person. It was great for the Sisters for they realized $150,000 which isn't bad for a one night stand.

We haven't seen Father [Leonard] Rush yet but he will be over soon. Frank Burns' operation was a miracle. He is so pleased and feels like his former self. He will be a help to them at St. Anne's. Fr. Monaghan has had the flu for one whole week. He has had lots of aches and pains. We are thankful that we have a dedicated superior and a fine president. They are remarkable men in spite of all that you may hear.

The Mardi Gras '73 will be held next Saturday night. It is an opportunity for those who have long dresses and black ties to appear in their finest. I was invited by a cousin but I just don't like dances. You stand around much of the time waiting to talk to some one. On Feb. 24 - the Smith Lecture will be given by Dr. Lewis Hanke of Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Mass. The topic, Spanish Viceroys in Mexico and Peru. Fr. [Edward] Lee has improved much during the past year.

Thanks again for the booklets. God bless you and keep up your good work.

Oremus pro invicem,

James W. Embser

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Dear Bob,

This will convey my sincere sympathy to you and your family on the occasion of the loss of your brother. I am sure that he meant much to you and you will feel the loss for a long time. I shall offer Mass for him and ask Our Lord to continue to bless you.

Our Easter recess lasted for three days with two of the holidays and two other days, Saturday and Sunday, taken up with church work. It was a change and we only have six weeks to go to finish another year. Father [Patrick] Braden is attending a celebration at the University of Texas in Austin. The University is honoring its graduates who are college presidents. I think he said there were 17 in all. I am trying to get a radio talk together on Catholic Education. It will be taped on Friday. God bless you.

Oremus pro invicem.

J.W.E.

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James W. Embser
December 7, 1972

Dear Bob,

I regret that today I do not have time to write you a splendid news letter like you write to us. I am anxious to get this material to you. You always seem interested in anything pertaining to history.

Fr. [Vincent] Guian is failing (rapidly) and I feel terrible about it. I have much more information on him but do not want to disclose it now. I shall answer your letter when it comes. For now, God bless you -

Sincerely

J.W.E.

Fr. [Wilfrid] Sharpe is a young man in comparison to Fr. Guinan now. The problem results from an automobile accident in 1953 which did permanent damage to his spinal column.

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James W. Embser
January 24, 1973

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Dear Bob,

I am sending you this since you asked for any writing done on Father [Vincent] Guinan. This is a talk I gave to the Siena group at their annual banquet. It is a society which Father Guihan founder, and directed for 23 years. They have done wonderful work and we hope will continue to work just as well and as hard. Father is presently in the hospital - had a cyst removed from his neck and is presently undergoing many tests. We have not heard the results of these tests yet. He plans on going to a friend's Convalescent home when he is discharged for a couple of weeks. God bless you, Bob and continue your remarkable work.

Sincerely

J.W. Embser

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MAISON SAINT-BASILE
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
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28 December 1971

Dear Fr.Scollard,

I received the message you sent via Bernard Buisson about the books you picked up from the library that closed. It sounds good, and I'm sure there were some good "finds" or you would not have bothered with them. In France there have been so many seminaries, novitiates, etc. closed down that the problem of second-hand dealers acquiring valuable libraries for next-to-nothing from unsuspecting clerics has been a serious one. A group of concerned librarians of religious houses is trying to set up a system of stocking such libraries until they can be sold under better conditions.

In October I was out at Chantilly, the former Jesuit scholasticate for Paris (now a retreat center) where they are maintaining a 600,000 volume library (including books from former Jesuit houses in Belgium and the Channel Islands). While I was there Fr. A. Rayez, S.J., one of the editors of the Dictionnaire de Spiritualité overheard me say I was a Basilian. He came over and we talked. He knows the history of the congregation ver well, has read Fr. [Charles] Roume's book, and had heard about your Dictionary of Basilian Biography. He asked me where he could get a copy. Well, it seemed to me that he was looking for a complimentary copy. I don't know what your policy is on this, but it seems like he may be in a category of persons who would be

eligible for one. In case you can send one to him, his address is: R.P. A Rayez, S.J.
"Les Fontaines"
60-Chantilly France.

My work has been going fairly well, considering some pretty stiff paleographical difficulties. I'll have to get a lot more accomplished per month between now and August.

Charlie Principe is about ten days short of finishing an important stage in his thesis. He is working very hard.

Bernard Forel left the congregation last week. Gérard Mathevet was just inducted into the Army, and he may have to report before finishing his year at the Catholic Institute.

I hope your own work is going well. Best wishes for the new year.

Jim Farge

(Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

50 Stafford Street
Winnipeg 9, Canada

July 28, 1971.

Dear Bob,

As usual, I am in your debt for several letters that have been, one after another, much appreciated. As I now acknowledge the last one (re John P. Ruth's death), let me thank you for them all, over a period of some six months. As you know, I am grateful for all the news, observations and comments that your letters contain and I am in admiration at the style that is so uniquely yours.

Your remarks, a couple of months ago, about attitudes towards the General Administration was mildly alarming. Please God, the meetings scheduled for this year will help to clarify the situation and produce whatever remedy is appropriate or necessary. Some of the confreres in Lethbridge thought that the Eastern Canada meeting had accomplished something. It was there that I saw some of the "open letters" that had been circulated. For some reason, I had not received copies of them. Perhaps Wally Platt's absence is the explanation, - or they may, of course, have been regarded as strictly confidential. The ones I saw manifested a healthy spirit of criticism and counter-criticism, whether or not you agree with what is said. Be assured of my continuing prayers.

I saw Father Wey and Father Gibbons at the CMSW meeting in West de Pere in the third week of June. There wasn't time for detailed discussion

of community affairs. Both looked bright and happy. In the few minutes we did have alone, Father Wey spoke of the very real possibility of some kind of a division of the Community into two separate ones. That came as a surprise. Was he merely speculating or was he really reading the "signs of the time"?

The CMSM meeting was but one of many for which I was caught in the Spring and early summer. I always seem to overdo it, but many are really not of my chossing. C.C.C. (Canadian Catholic Conference) meetings alone take up much time, and special meetings are now being multiplied for those going to the Synod. It was in this latter connection that I attended the Inter-American Bishops' meeting in Mexico City in mid-May. It was stimulating. Abp. Pocock and I had a good visit with the Basilians; I believe he was deeply impressed; certainly their spirit is encouraging.

I had agreed nearly a year ago to take part in a Symposium at Villanova (June 14-19). It proved to be interesting. Bernard Longergan, S.J., was a fellow-participant. I ran into two former Institute students now teaching there: Charlie O'Neil (ca. 1935ff) and Tom Carney (post War II). I had dinner with Cardinal Krol on what used to be the feast of St. Basil. En route back to Winnipeg, I stopped at Windsor to speak at Assumption Hisgh School's 100th graduation exercises and saw a fair number of confreres. (Don't people speak down there? No one from the University came either to the graduation or to the C.S.B. get-together. Even Detroit did better than that). The Lethbridge trip and visit were wholly C.S.B. I was suprised and delighted at

the number who were present from all over; it was amost enjoyable gathering. Did anyone tell you that Father Tom O'Rourke's nephew (Dallas diocesan priest) dropped in quite unexpectedly? He was diriving all alone to Alaska. I believe he was coming from Toronto at that stage of the trip.

The Edmundites of Winooski Park had invited me to receive an honorary degree. I went over the weekend of May 30-31 and preached the baccalaureate sermon while there. The hospitality was touching. Both Father Hamel and Father Dupont from early Institute days were around, the former showing signs of wear and age. One of their most promising men is General Secretary of the Men's Religious Conference in the U.S.A.

I have just finished the summer Confirmation tour and I must now get down to a serious study of the Synod drafts and of allied documents. The Canadians Bishops who are going will hold a private gathering in mid-August, and we hope to meet with the Americans over Labor Day weekend. Meanwhile I have two or three meetings of Religious to attend. I count on your prayers for help in all this. (By the way, did you like Pope Paul's exhortation to Religious? It may not be epoch-making but it is positive, warm and personal and could do much good.) Again, many thanks, Bob, and God bless you!

+ G.B. Flahiff, C.S.B.

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John J. Gaughan
December 23, 1971

Basilian Fathers
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Canada

The General Council
December Twenty-third Nineteen Seventy-one.

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
St. Basil's College,
95 St. Joseph Streey,
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Bob:-

Enclosed is our cheque to the amount of $67.77, which leaves a balance of $202.52 in your trust account.

Thanks kindly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J.J. Gaughan

Reverend J.J. Gaughan,
Treasurer General.

JJG/S
Encl. 1.

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Jan 27, 1972

Dear Fr. Scollard,

This is to thank you for the report you sent of the Mt Carmel people - included in the announcement of the death of [Mr.] John Murphy's father. I get reports from my mother but she is not able to keep up with the Toronto end of it.

Basilians here are well. We had a meeting of Calgary Basilians here at St. Pius Rectory last night - including dinner - prayer - plus a talk on tape by Jean Vanier and discussion. We are to do this every week or two as a follow up from our Edmonton Regional meetings. We are attempting to rotate the meetings at the different Basilian locations in the city.

I see Ted Sullivan & Bill Reddall quite often. Their names appear in the daily paper when their team (hockey) has played (Mt. Royal Cougars) since Bill is the coach and Ted the manager.

I sometimes help them on a Sunday, when schedules will allow it (Mass schedule, that is) and they sometimes have weddings, etc. here at St. Pius X.

Regards to confreres, especially Mt. Carmel people and Joe Pope.

Yours in Christ

Basil F. Glavin, C.S.B.

Enclosure. Two copies of this were sent me from Owen Sound

GOSPEL CAN'T BE SEPARATED / FROM WORLD SAYS RC PRIEST

Human progress, although not of God's kingdom, is

still linked to it and creation and the Gospel cannot be separated from the world, Rev. John Kelly, a parish priest of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Owen Sound, told the ecumenical service congregation in St. George's Anglican Church, Sunday evening.

Father Kelly was substituting for Rt. Rev. Emmett Carter, Bishop of London, who could not attend due to bad weather. Bishop Carter travelled as far as Zurich in his car but snowy road conditions forced him to turn back.

Speaking on the subject What Does It Mean for a Christian to Pray for the World, Father Kelly said part of man's temptation is the tendency to separate God from life, progress and earning a daily living.

The speaker said a new heaven and a new earth is the goal of history and the hope of those who believe in God. He said true Christians believe this will be accomplished on the day Christ comes and hands over the world to his father, God.

"Christians are praying for that final moment", the priest said, "it is just not a day at the end of history but today."

Father Kelly said Christians pray for the world but at the same time there is work to be done by Christians as part of redemption and hope that Jesus will lift the world up to make things right with God. He said Christ's second coming might be next week but that doesn't mean God wants Christians to opt out of life in expectation.

The speaker said a third world exists now in the lack of development in the backward countries of the globe, actually in "our own backyards", and

Christians should be developing peace through justice for these countries.

"Christian prayers for the world continue the work of redemption and restoration for God, from hostile powers, and to prepare the world for God", Father Kelly concluded.

The service was under the Owen Sound Ministerial Association and held in conjunction with the city's 8th winter carnival which opened Friday night.

Archdeacon T.D. Ragg, rector of St. George's Church, conducted the service. Others participating included Dr. Jessie Trout, Rev. Fred Miller, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rev. Gordon Gillingham, Knox United Church, Rev. J. Vincent Thompson, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and Dr. Paul Hiscox, layman of First Baptist Church.

(Transcribed from the original letter, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto. Enclosure, newspaper clipping, placed in a scrapbook in St. Basil's College)

John J. Glavin
June 22, 1972

Park Hill, Ont.
RR # 8
June 22/72.

Dear Father Scollard:-

The summer is passing quickly.

Could you send me about forty Mass intentions. I will be out in 8 or 10 days. You don't need to send me the stipends.

With all good wishes and blessings.

Sincerely,

J. Glavin, CSB

(Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

July 4/72

Dear Father Scollard:-

Thanks very much for your letter, pension check & 52 Mass intentions.

Things are quiet in Mt Carmel. The man at the store has put a new roof on his store - all up for sale. The history of the parish is still being written. It is hard to get material for it. Most of the people like to live in the present.

With all good wishes and blessings.

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB.

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July 24/72

Dear Fr Scollard:

Thank you very much for sending my mail. I got the newsletter in this morning's mail. I would judge that it doesn't take much to keep so many busy.

I went to see Bishop Carter of London. We had a very pleasant talk.

I hope you are keeping your correspondence up to date, even when I am not there to urge you to do so.

With all good wishes and blessings to all.

Sincerely

J.Glavin

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John J. Glavin
August 6, 1972

Park Hill, Ont.
R R # 8
Aug 6, 1972.

Dear Father Scollard:-

Thank you very much for your letter and all the news. I gather after visiting all the CSB houses in Windsor and Detroit you will stand a good chance to be our next Superior General.

Please tell the lady who makes up the rooms on our flat that, please God, I will be back on Sept. the 1st.

Also when you are coming for me bring my pension check with you.

I was sorry to hear of Fr [Peter] Sheehan's death. If you had not put it in your letter, I still would not know.

With all good wishes and blessings to all.

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB.

P.S. Let me know if anyone is coming with you to Mt Carmel on Sept. 1st.

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June 22/72

Dear Bob,

This is a long overdue letter.

First of all I want to thank you for all the notes and letters you have sent to me - keeping me up on Basilian news. Right now we are having a terrific storm here in Phoenix which has been going since 6 a.m. this morning (Thurs.) and is still going strong at 8 a.m. We also had one last night. Seems to be making up for the long dry spell of 160 days. Temp[erature] here has been over 100 degrees for several weeks.

I finally bought a two bedroom home. It is in a quiet neighborhood. The traffice on Thomas Rd. at Medicenter was getting on my nerves.

Just received a letter from Joe Wey. I had asked that the Basilian Fathers take over the monthly payments of $124. The answer was in the affirmative. They want me to sell the 5 acres of land up near Bullhead City & also turn over title of the house to the Basilian Fathers. I intend to do both of these things as soon as I can.

I paid $6,000 down on the house. Total cost was about $20,000. Should be paid off in 13 years. I don't expect to be still living then.

I am paying for the utilities (about $50 per month) and also the cost of my food. After two and a half years the Order will have to look after me completely.

The 4th of July weekend Hugh Curran is going to drive me to Bullhead City to bring the rest of

my things to Phoenix. Hugh has been a terrific help to me.

Frank Kelly drove from Riverside, Calif., to see me when I was at Medicenter. He is being moved again.

My health is fair but I don't think I will go back east this summer.

Would you please notify the following of my change of address: The Basilian Annals, Basilian Directory, The Basilian Newletter. I intend to write to Wally Platt but I may not get around to it right away.

Take care of yourself. Please say a prayer for me and write when you can.

Thanks again.

Yours in Christ,

Alex

1812 East Cheery Lynn Rd.,
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

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Rev. A.J. Grant, C.S.B.
1812 East Cheery Lynn Rd.,
Phoenix, Arizona 85016
Oct. 23/72

Dear Bob,

Once again I must thank you for keeping me up on news of the Community. Thanks for your letter of Sept. 25th.

I am now installed in my new home & enjoying it very much. I'm kept busy with the house-keeping, cooking & yeard-work.

My health is as good as can be expected. I am able to say Mass every day, in private, in my own home.

We have had a lot of rain lately - more than usual at this time of the year. This doesn't help the arthritis any.

I was unable to return east this past summer both for physical & financial reasons.

Hugh Curran has been a big help to me. I gave him your best. I don't know what his hang-up is & have never asked him. He attends my Mass on Sunday sometimes and receives Communion. The rest of the time he goes to his local parish.

The weather here has cooled considerably - no more 100 degrees and over temperatures. This is most welcome.

Glad to hear that you are feeling well and hope you keep that way.

Ralph Koehler stayed with me several days some months ago. He was the first Basilian visitor in my new home.

Take care of yourself & please say a prayer for me. Please write when you have time.

Yours in Christ,

Alex Grant, C.S.B.

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Hugh J. Haffey
May 2, 1972

University of St. Thomas
3812 Montorse Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
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Tues. May 2/72

Dear Bob -

Thanks for your fine letter. Dick Schiefen said he enjoyed talking with you.

Enclosed is a work sheet. There could be erros. Note the distribution of men 65 & over. By areas - Toronto - 18
Windsor - 16
Houston - 12

Of the 160 men (roughly) who'll be over 60 in 1972, only three will be at the Convention: Hub Coughlin, only delegate elected; Joe Wey; Jim Wilson, both ex officio. Guess we have to expect this, Bob. But the houses will not elect elderly confreres. Their wisdom goes untapped.

Dick gave a good report tonite in the Community Room. Leo Adam and Fr [Donald] Mooney happened in fro supper and attended the briefing.

Keep up the good work, Bob. The geritol set has still a bit of kick.

Sincerely as ever,

Hugh H.

Work Sheet, April 1972, compiled by Hugh Haffey.
Basilians who will be in the year 1972:

8 men - 80 yrs and over: W. Murray, W. McGee, M. Oliver, E. Allor, J. Spratt, C. Donovan, E. McCorkell, W. Sharpe. 2 each in Rochester, Toronto, Windsor; 1 in B.C.; 1 in Houston.

3 men - will be 78 yrs.: L. Bondy, B. Sullivan, L. Rush.
1 man - will be 77 yrs.: J. Glavin.
2 men - will be 76 yrs.: G. Sharpe, G. Todd.
2 men - will be 75 yrs.: R. Lowrey, T.A. MacDonald.
2 men - will be 74 yrs.: G. Dywer, B. Morrissey.
4 men - will be 73 yrs.: B. O'Donnell, C. LeBel, V. Guinan, V. Kennedy.
2 men - will be 72 yrs.: P. Mallon, J. O'Donnell.
4 men - will be 71 yrs.: M. Killoran, E. Lajeunesse, E. Lee, W. Dore.
5 men - will be 70 yrs.: H. Coughlin, W. Nigh, J. Whelihan, G. Anglin, D. Batty.

25 men wil be 70 to 80 years of age. Almost one half of these (11 men) are in the Toronto area. 2 each in Houston, Detroit, Windsor, Western Canada, Other.

4 men - will be 69 yrs.: L. Quinlan, F. Lyons, W. Riely, F. Murphy. All are in Houston.
4 men - will be 68 yrs.: J. Donlon, V. McIntyre, S. Murphy, A. Weiler. All are in the Windsor area.
5 men - will be 67 yrs.: F. Burns, H. Haffey, J. Embser, C. Harrison, N. Murphy. 3 are in Houston, 2 in Windsor area.
8 men - will be 66 yrs.: D. Burns, R. Diemer, J. Martin, R. Prince, J. Rivard, F. Sheehy, F. Mallon, C. Armstrong. 3 in Windsor, 2 in Toronto, the rest well scattered.

5 men - will be 65 yrs.: A. Brown, E. Garvey,
A. Lococo, R. O'Donnell, E. Young.
3 in Toronto area.

26 men are in 65 thru 69 groups. Houston has 9 of these; Windsor has 10 of these; Toronto, 5; other, 2.

Recapitulation of Basilians 65 yrs. and over in 1972 - Total 59 men.

80 years of age and over	-	8
70 " " " " "	-	25
65 " " " " "	-	26
		59

In Toronto area	- about	18 men.
In Houston area	- "	12 "
In Windsor area	- "	16 "

46 of the 59 men are in these areas. Other areas one or two men; some have no men over 65, example Ottawa.

In 60 yrs thru 64 yrs group are those:

64 in 1972 - men, 5
63 in 1972 - men, 8
62 in 1972 - men, 5
61 in 1972 - men, 5
60 in 1972 - men, 5

28 men, 60-65 yrs. No pattern of place concentration emerges.

Total men 60 yrs plus is 97. France personnel is not counted. Almost 100 men are over 60 yrs.

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24 October 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

I have two very newsy letters to thank you for. The clippings were all interesting. I sat next to Card. Flahiff at a banquet here Thursday night and told him of your attentive interest in the question of women priests. He wanted to know what comments you had made about his talk. I told him you were noncommittal apart from the suggestion about what the Joan of Arc Society would do. He hadn't got a letter or telegram from Celia Wallace the last time I asked. I told him it would serve him right if he got elected Pope and then had to act on his suggestions. He countered that he had only recommended a study of the question. Archbishop Pocock was in town for a few days and I met him late one afternoon here at the College. We talked a few minutes and he introduced me to the two laymen who were travelling with him. Mr. Moore asked me if I knew Frank Mallon. Apparently he had been out at his house just a day or so before.

It's sad to learn the news about Tom Amlin. Things like that sure remind you of your mortality. I hand't even realized he had been having any difficulties that would suggest a tumor.

I picked up right where I left off last March with my thesis. At the moment I' m waiting for word from my director whether the outline I submitted should be revised before its submission for the approval of the faculty. I'm waiting, but not idly. In fact, I'm hoping to get a first draft of the first chapter done by Christmas. I've already started to write it. This doesn't

mean I can finish in time to defen in June; I don't think I can. I'm hoping it means I won't spend the whole of next year here. The only reason I'm hoping it, is I know I should get back to St. Michael's before too long. Rome itself remains a perpetual feast to me.

Last Sunday was the day of the Poles in Rome. Maximilian Kolbe, the priest who took the place of another inmate of Auschwitz in the starvation block, was beatified. We have a priest here studying whose parents immigrated to Connecticut from Poland. He speaks Polish like a native it seems and visited Poland for the first time this summer. He's been busy this last week guiding all the Polish pilgrims.

We've been waiting anxiously for news of the Ontario election. Usually the Canadian Embassy sends over mimeographed copies of news wire information, but the ones on the election haven't arrived yet.

Give my regards to everyone.

In Christ,

Bill

Thought you might like a look at the new 25 lbs. heavier me.

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13 January 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

Glad to hear from you, and Happy New Year! You are the first to get the news. My thesis outline has been approved by the faculty committee and my first chapter has come back from my director with only a few corrections and a "full speed ahead!" I am hard at work on chapter two which is giving me some trouble. There will be six chapters in all plus two appendices. It took me over a month to do number one and number two looks like taking longer so no estimates on time. My sights are still set on finishing before summer and presenting for defense in November of '72.

I stayed here over Christmas in hopes of getting some work done. Didn't. I expected to hear from Paul Burns and Marty Dimmik. Paul wrote they were thinking of coming into northern Italy during the holidays, and I answered I'd try to spend a few days with them in Ravenna or Florence. No word yet. Also Frank Amico wrote saying he'd be in Rome around Christmas time. I got him a room at the North American, but heard no more about it.

The weather has been very mild, exceptional even for Rome. We have had very little rain and, of course, no snow. The fellows coming back from vacations in various parts of Europe report not much snow anywhere. New Year's Eve was unbelievable in Rome. You would have thought there was a major battle going on somewhere in the vicinity, so constant was the rumble of fireworks going off all over the city. There was a constant crescendo

to midnight and then a decrescendo until about one in the morning when quiet returned. Perhaps you read about the numerous injuries in the papers.

I just got my ballot today from W. Platt and hope to get it in the mail tonight. What I don't need right now is to be sent to the convention, but I don't see much chance of it happening. Why don't they ask grad students if they would feel hurt not to have passive voice? Sorry to hear Father John Glavin wouldn't have anything to do with a golden jubilee. Is he letting other places fête him at all? How is Fr. Leonard Rush. He was acting rather peculiar at St. Anne's, even for him.

Give my regards to all. How is Fr. Bondy's back? Are he and Fr. Kennedy playing much bridge. How about yourself? Say hello to Frs. Young, Glavin, and Batty for me. Have I forgotten anyone?

I'm saying Mass each Sunday at theparish church just around the corner. They give me the stipend which is $1.60. During the holidays I was there often during the week too. Midnight Mass a concelebration with one of the Vicar of Rome's vicars, the pastor, assistant, and some priests from the college. It is really good practice for the Italian. Speaking of practice, I'm still devoting some recreation time each day to the piano. Some progress but I'll never be a Frank Monaghan.

In Christ,

Bill Irwin.

(Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

20 Feb. 1972

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Thanks for the bulletin and the long letter. I'm surprised you didn't know Isaias had superceded Deuteronomy. His text has been a little refractory the last month or so, or maybe it has just been a winter slump on my part. Anyway chapter two is finished (I'm putting in the notes now) and I've started chapter three. It's the longest, and if I can finish it by the end of March, I may make the Annals next year.

I got the Newsletter with the list of delegates to the pre-chapter convention the other day. All I can say is I hope Dick Donovan doesn't get sick. It seemed a bit of anderstatement to call the Basic Document "long-awaited", but it's probably just as well it took so long.

I've been able to play a little bridge this year. At the present time there are six players in the College, and sometimes I'm invited to the apartment of a young Colombian lawyer, a friend of a priest here at the [Canadian] College, for a foursome. We were there last night. My partner was an Anglican minister who is staying here at the College while he spends the year doing ecumenical studies. The cause of ecumenism is not aided by the fact he's an awful bridge player.

The sartorial splendor of the students here at the College is something you have to see to believe. There isn't a black suit in a carload. The French Canadians especially seem to betray a very rigid upbringing by the strength of their reaction to it -- fashion plates they are, I can

hardly compete in my elegant green check topcoat.

By contrast I spent about an hour renewing an old acquaintance with Anthony Lafemina, a Canadian priest of about 38 years of age who was with Bud [Paré], Jack [Murray], Paul [Broadhurst] and I in Rome in '65. He was properly dressed in his cassock and constantly bemoaned the flaming liberalism of Paul VI. He's a functionary in the Congregation of the Sacraments.

You remember Matthew Bradley, the Irish Christian Brother who studied with us for a year then left to become a priest? He was ordained deacon at the end of January in Fribourg for Vancouver. He's going out there to form an Oratory with Don Nielson. Right now he's starting work on a doctorate in theology at Fribourg. He was always a very smart cookie.

I'm amazed there've been no Basilians in Rome this winter. Is Florida getting all the tourist trade? Not even any scholastics have made the world tour. I shouldn't talk though. It just struck me the other day I've been in the community almost 22 years now, and I've been studying 17 of them. I shouldn't put that down on paper, should I? Give all my regards.

In Christ,

Bill

(Written from the Canadian College, Rome. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

16 April 1972

Dear Fr. Scollard,

My sympathies on the death of your brother. I will offer Mass for him.

Michael Sheehan hit town last Friday evening, coming by train from Bologna. He will spend 6 weeks here doing research in the Vatican Library. He was surprised by my weight which is 20 pounds more than the last time he had seen me as well as by the beard I am sporting at the moment. I wanted to provide a shock of a sort for my brother when he arrives the end of May.

I think my work is going fairly well. I expect to finish the main writing before the end of May, then to spend a part of the summer and the fall term preparing it for presentation. I found out recently that they require 4 months between the handing in of the thesis and its defense. If all goes well, I'll finish in December, come back and teach the second term in Toronto, then return to defend. Say a prayer for me.

In Christ,

Bill

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St. Edmund's House
Mt. Pleasant
Cambridge, England.
10 July 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the good wishes on my anniversary. I had almost forgotten. The 28th is a hard date to remember. I usually think of it on the 29th.

I've been in England since June 26, I believe. My brother and I spent a few days in Cambridge, then went up to London for a long weekend. I think John liked London and would have stayed longer, but he had to get back. He spent all Sunday afternoon listening to the orators in Hyde Park.

I'm back at St. Edmund's now and using the Cambridge University Library most days. It is most conveniently organized with free access to the shelves. I don't have borrowing privileges, but that doesn't make much difference. It's just a short walk over. There's a Mr. Claydom over there who seems to be a member of St. Edmund's, and he has been quite helpful.

The weather has been awful. The temperature hasn't gone to 70 degrees yet this summer in England. Most days it rains or is cloudy and overcast which is what it is now after a sunshiny early morning. I've had to invest in a topcoat from Marks and Spenser. I may also get a Harris tweed. A Houston summer suit is small comfort. My regards to all.

In Christ, Bill

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3 December 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the letter. I'm working pretty steadily to finish my thesis now. Probably this will be sometime in January when I'll head for Toronto. I'll have to come back for the defense, however, whether in June or October.

Father [Laurence] Shook dropped by the other day, and we went out to lunch together. He looks very well though he was having some difficulty with his knee. The meeting he was at had ended and he was planning to fly to Paris for a short visit before returning. Apparently the results of the education conference were satisfactory though not up to all the expectations. I believe they decided not to insist Bishops have direct control over Catholic universities.

Our weather has been less than perfect for a week now, much too much rain, but today, Sunday, is clear, not cold.

You might not believe it, but I'm spending so much time writing these days I don't know what to do with myself when I stop. I think I've watched 15 minutes of TV in the last two weeks which must be a record for me. Actually I'm feeling good (two weeks ago I was a bit nervous & on edge with the time pressure) and am enjoying my work. My regards to all.

In Christ,

Bill

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John B. Janisse
January 11, 1972

St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton 61, Canada

January 11, 1972.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

This is just to show you what we've come up with by way of a book plate. When I first got here Joe Courtney asked me to get a book plate made up in order to attract donations. I didn't want to use a ready-made one such as you can get from a Library Supply company because I was afraid that might get us off on the wrong foot. Anyhow, this is what we've come up with (I got help from the Confreres here) As you may detect, it's similar in many ways to the one that was being used at [the University of] St. Thomas in Houston - probably they're still using the same one. I was leary about the colours, but felt reassured when Miss Rothlisberger, to whom I sent one at Christmas-time, wrote back and said she thought they blended beautifully.

The Basilian meetings which we had between Christmas and New Year's were very successful I thought. The best thing to come of them, in my estimation, was the removal of some suspicion connected with special apostolates. Ted Sullivan, Bud Paré and Clare Watrin all said they noticed they were being looked on suspiciously because of their work. Ted mentioned that he didn't take the work on on his own initiative, but rather he was asked about it by Fr. Wey.

Bill O'Brien took some pictures of the Confreres at the meetings. If you get a chance to see

them there are two delightful pictures of Cardinal Flahiff and Joe O'Reilly. I've asked for a copy of each and I'll send them on to you so you'll see what I mean (but I don't have them yet - they'll be coming soon I think).

Best wishes for a Happy New Year. Best regards to the Confreres.

In Christ,

John Janisse, CSB

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St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton 61, Canada

February 4, 1972.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Thanks very much for your recent letters. Fr. Bondy's story about my Dad at the cemetery sounds just like something he would say all right. Too bad I didn't think of phoning Toronto. Live and learn they say. Sorry to hear about Fr. Ed Lee not being real well, and to hear about John Egsgard wanting to be laicized. I hope he applies for a leave of absence all right. I'm letting my brothers and sisters know that you're remembering my father at Mass. I appreciate that very much. You may have heard that he died very peacefully, so that's a big consolation for us. He hadn't been well lately, as you may have heard, so actually his death came as kind of a release.

I'm enclosing the picture of Cardinal Flahiff and Joe O'Reilly that I promised. I was hoping to get a kind of sequel to this picture, in which both Cardinal Flahiff and Joe are smiling like the cat which just swallowed the canary, but I didn't get that one. I'll usbtitute one taken in the library instead. The priest in it whom you may not know is Father [William] Gibbons' cousin, who gave one of the papers. Also I'm enclosing copies of the bookplates as you requested. Notice they's lightly different in case the occasion may or may not be a memorial for a deceased person.

Sorry Fr. Wey and Fr. [Hubert] Coughlin are on the sick list. In Fr. Wey's case any loyal Westerner would be quick to tell you this points out the rigours of the Western climate (you see what we're going through type of thing). I was very amused by Fr. [William] Murray's pronouncement over the wine (that it was a good vintage). It's great that he can still take part in Community life.

Most people seemed to like the Regional meeting (I only heard one person say it didn't give him what he needed and expected - I don't know whether that person was too critical or whether most were too uncritical. I enjoyed the meeting very much myself.

I think I had better list the magazines you were speaking of, and get this in the mail.

Best wishes.

Appreciatively,

John Janisse, CSB

Enclosure a list of issues of Liturgical Arts, New Scholasticism and Modern Schoolman selected from the duplicate copies in the library of the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto.

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St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton 61, Canada
February 12th, 1972.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Thanks very much for your letter of February 9th, and for setting aside complete volumes of Modern Schoolman and New Scholasticism. Your duplicate list arrived yesterday and so I'm anxious to get this off to you so we might better have a chance to get the enclosed selections.

Sorry to hear Fr. [Tom] McGillis doesn't seem satisfied at St. Michael's College School. Too much iron in the blood - sin't that what Jack Murray has? If so Fr. [Frank] McCarty should be all right before long. (they just let blood don't they?)

It's wonderful that Fr. Whelan put on that dinner for Dr. [Charlie] Knowlton - he really deserves anything like that. It's wonderful that Fr. [Wm.] Murray likes company although I'm sure it must be very trying at times helping him out. It's a good thing there's something humorous about the situation (as you say, he's ure he's only on a visit).

We're now basking in about 35 degree temperature (I missed the worst part while I was East) Monsignor Athol Murray spoke at the Annual Padre Night last Wednesday. I had something else doing that night but the others went. Apparently there was a big crowd there. I asked about the talk, and the answer was it was typically Monsignor Murray. I heard & saw him on T.V. about a year and a half ago.

John B. Janisse
February 12, 1972

Many thanks for the periodical offerings. I know a lot of work goes into such an endeavour.

Sincerely In Christ,

John Janisse, CSB

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John B. Janisse
April 19, 1972

St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton 61, Canada

April 19, 1972.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

By separate mail I'm sending a copy of the Centennial issue of the Western Catholic Reporter. It's the best that I've been able to come with so far in answer to your request for articles on Canadian Catholic Church history. Also I'm sending a copy of It's a new world, edited by Douglas Roche, although the Centennial issue seems to contain more the type of article which you're looking for.

The main people I've contacted are Fr. Holland, mentioned on page 14 of the Centennial issue, and Msgr. MacLellan, who wrote an article published on pages 32 to 33 of the same issue. Also I've contacted Doug Roche, editor of the Western Catholic Reporter, and if he has anything further to add to the above two publications I'll let you know right away.

Russ Pendergast told me that Doug Roche would be an interesting person to ask, all right, with regard to your request. Russ said that one source, that would have been good is a Professor at the University, only he's a fallen-away Catholic.

Brother Donatus, who looks after the singing at our chapel (he's on our staff as an Associate Chaplain) has a Master's degree in history. He suggested I go to the University Library and look over M.A. theses in history, to see whether any would have the type of thing you're looking

for. I did this, but I'm afraid that the only one which possibly might fit the bill didn't seem to me to be well-written.

As a result of the shipment of magazines I was able to have about 60 volumes bound (counting as volumes the Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Association of America, which I just had permabound) Anyhow I'm very grateful to you for sending those magazines.

I hope to finish writing my annual report, take stock, and attend a theological study week sponsored by the Archdiocese before heading out to Vancouver on about May 15th.

On Monday night I attended the annual banquet of the Edmonto Library Association. It was held at the Edmonton Club, which Jim Daley tells me is as exclusive as the Granite Club in Toronto. Anyhow it was wonderful. I was going to go to hear Mr. Guy Sylvestre speak at our Law Building at 1 p.m. today, but it slipped my memory, and I thought about it only at 1:30. Better luck next time. I went over to see that building last Friday (I went over for another purpose actually) but it's beautiful. The Law Library is in that building, and it's the envy of librarians on campus. The building has been in operation since last Fall, but this was the first time I was inside.

Here's hoping that the new Graduate Library at the University of Toronto isn't thrown open to undergraduates (it seems to me that would really throw a monkey-wrench into what it was planned for).

The confreres here are well. Russ seems to be head over heels in work right now, - he's on Committees to review theses, besides grading exams.

In Christ, John Janisse, CSB

John B. Janisse
May 7, 1972

St. Joseph's College
The University of Alberta
Edmonton 61, Canada
May 7th, 1972

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Here's hoping all goes well with you and your work of locating articles on Canadian Catholic Church history. The approach I took in contacting people here was to try to build up good relations with the people involved, and not to go beyond what might prove offensive to them. What I already sent seems to be the best I can come up with at this time.

I'm on my way to a study week in Jasper (for the priests of the Archdiocese). Russ [Pendergast] is going also. Jeo [Courtney] and Frank [Firth] went to the first session this past week.

Did you hear that Fr. [Wilfrid] Dore had a slight stroke this past week? It has affected his right arm to some extent. He's in the General Hospital right now, and I'm not sure whether they've decided against an operation, or whether it's something that will be coming. 9probably to remove a blood clot) I guess that as far as Fr. Dore is concerned an operation is something he could do without.

I hope all goes well with the confreres also. If there's anything further I can do on the articles for Canadian Catholic Church history please let me know. (I'll be at St. Mark's for the next 7 weeks following the Study-Week)

Sincerely & in Christ,

John Janisse, CSB

St. Mark's College
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June 7, 1972.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Many thanks for your letter of June 3rd. I'm surprised to hear that you've been avoiding annual meetings, but at the same time I can't say that I blame you. I for one find meetings to be quite exhausting.

Cardinal Flahiff is certainly generous with his time, isn't he. I'm thinking of his coming to Edmonton for the Regional meeting at Christmas-time amongst other things. You mention that Boys' Camp is already open. It seems awfully early for that.

It's great that you were able to get to Rochester for the ordination. I should have kept better track of that ordination because I lived with Ron Anderson at the House of Studies in Houston. I'm amazed to hear that Frs. Spratt and Donovan are still spry. I lived there during the year 1947-48, (I wouldn't expect you to recall that, and would be very surprised if you do) and Fr. Donovan was amazing at that time. Fr. Spratt just got there towards the end of that year, but was already making an impact at that time. Fr. [Hugh] Haffey was here a year ago while I was here. His cousin, Gordon Shrum, is President of B.C. Hydro, and lives right across the street from St. Mark's, so they got to meet.

This year we had a visit from Fr. Art O'Leary. While he was here we went to Squamish, which is about 40 miles north of here, and I had never

been there before. It's at the far end of Howe Sound, and it's a matter of following the shoreline. It's through mountainous country, and so is up and down hill, as well as being windy. It's very worthwhile, though, because the scenery is magnificent. On my way to Vancouver this year I stopped at Kelowna, because I have two cousins who live in or near Kelowna. They're Pageaus, - a niece and anephew of Fr. Pageau, who used to be a Basilian. Kelowna is also a beautiful spot. We visited one of the churhces in Kelowna, and went to the rectory to say hello to the priests. It so happened that Bishop Doyle was there for dinner, and so we got to meet him too.

Before coming to Vancouver, I had the good fortune to be able to make a Study Week, put on by the Archdiocese of Edmonton at Jsaper (it was for the priests of the Archdiocese). Russ and I shared a room at a new motel where the priests stayed. Conferences were held at the parish ahll, which was about 15 minutes walking distance from the motel. Fr. Corriveau, who teaches there at St. Basil's College, and Fr. Plevnick, who teaches somewhere in the Toronto School of Theology (maybe it's there too, is it?) both gave conferences as did Bishop McNeil from St. John's, New Brunswick. The Study Week was to take the place of a retreat for the diocesan clergy, and so I'm counting it as mine also. Joe Courtney and Frank Firth made the first session of the Study Week, the week before. It's at the beginning of the Rockies - more wonderful scenery + we hit good weather too. Thanks again for writing. I hope to go East on July 23rd, and so if you're around the Seminary about that time I'll see you then. Mest to the confreres. John Janisse, CSB

St. Joseph's College
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January 11th

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Many thanks for your newsy letter. I've now shown it to everyone in the house, so you may get reactions.

Happy New Year to you also. I'm glad Kevin Kirley wrote to you, but am not sure how his health is faring. He looked well to me. Fr. Wilf Dore didn't want his sister to know about his health. He had a bad cold but I think he has pretty well recovered from that. He's faithful to taking therapy treatments (whirl-pool, ect.) at St. Joseph's Hospital.

I heard about Paul Black's death, but I don't believe I ever met him. That was really a young age for death, or so it seems to me now. It was good you could get to Windsor for the funeral and interesting to hear about my cousin Alphonse's role. Fr. [Frank] Orsini must have grown that beard recently because I saw him last summer sans beard.

It's hard to meet the confreres who live out at Assumption University. Again last summer Art Roberts invited me to his apartment. That was just before he moved down South. I liked his set-up, and would be able to see a whole apartment building taken over by Basilians. Perhaps such an arrangement would be less costly than keeping up the building on Huron Line. Of course there would still be some office space needed,

the chapel too, meeting rooms, etc., for the work of Fr. John Murphy and others.

I usually stay at the high school when I go [to Windsor] for holidays. I must confess it's because the high school now has a better reputation for conviviality. I do go down and visit at the College though.

When I was in Toronto last summer I saw Mike Fallona in the library, so I can well believe that he is a regular user and I'm sure a very good person to have around. While there last year I was surprised but glad to see Doug Flippen using the Institute library. He, Claude Arnold, Dick Schiefen and I had a renuion in the College dining-room (Priests' dining room).

I didn't know that people still consult O'Connell. What a change has taken place in such a short time. Even I no longer feel compunction about adapting things in the Mass (under the watchful eye of Brother Donatus, now chairman of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Commission). Don't worry, though, any changes I make are usually minor and in imitation of what seems to go over well here.

January 12th.

I'm enclosing a notice regarding Msgr. MacLellan's latest publication. However, I must let you know that Fr. Dore doesn't think it's of high enough caliber to be included in our library. I thought you might be interested in connection with the history of the Catholic Church in the West. I've saved a copy of the Western Catholic Reporter commemorating the anniversary of the founding of the

Diocese of Calgary and will forward it by separate mail.

Regards to the confreres.

In Christ,

John Janisse, CSB

Over-
Mrs. Anna Maure, sister of Msgr. Malone of the Archdiocese here, volunteered to help in the library partptime. She has a brother who is Canadian Ambassador to Israel. She's a wonderful person and her family has been supporting our College over the years. At the suggestion of Jim Daley I went over with him to see her last March, I guess it was, to see whether she knew of anyone perhaps who had just retired and would like to work for our library. She volunteered to do it herself, free of charge, and what's more, spoke to her friend, Miss Mary Murray, who volunteered to type part-time. The up-shot of it is they're both putting in about 6 hours a week and the work is going ahead nicely. Miss Murray is taking a month off right now (people around here like to get away for the coldest part of the winter if possible) but I even have visions of catching up on cataloging. This is far from being realized right now, but it's great to see the work to be done going down rather than building up. By the way, Mrs. Maure has a library degree from McGill, from the 40's, and was second in command in the Law Library at this University at one time. She retired from that job to give a chance to others who needed a job.

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St. Joseph's College
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February 23, 1973.

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Many thanks for sending the copy of the Exchange List (I presume you're the one who had it sent). We've been enjoying the visit of Richard Ramirez. You no doubt saw him when he was in Toronto. He spoke to the Confreres, was the Principal Celebrant at our 12:30 Mass yesterday, and gave the homily at the 12:10 Mass today. This morning Fr. Dore brought him out to St. Albert, where he met Fr. Pascal (spelling?) He's the old Oblate priest who is 95 years old, was a Missionary around here, and I believe he went to our school at Annonay when he was young. Anyhow Richard spoke enthusiastically about meeting this priest in his homily today (tied it in with the first reading from Sirach about the value of a true friend).

We're at the end of the week for mid-semester exams, and next week is study week, which for most will be vacation week from what I gather (from students). Things are quiet around here, and the weather unbelievably mild. The other day it went up to about 50 degrees. Russ is on his way to Toronto tday, so you may be seeing him around before you get this letter.

I want to take the occasion of the Exchange List (before I forget) to ask you about a couple of periodicals, if you don't mind. I don't mean to ask you to go beyond your own periodical records there. From them can you tell whether

Catholic Documents is still being published, or if it ceased publication what the last issue? Also, while you're at it, was the May 1972 issue the last one for Liturgical Arts? If my memory serves me correctly there was another published for August 1972. For some reason I didn't check that one in and find no trace of it. I think it had an editorial about the demise of the publication, but would like to make sure, so I can either try to get a copy from the people who published Liturgical Arts, or get what we have bound if we have the last issue published.

Here's hoping all goes well. Best wishes to the Confreres.

In Christ,

John Janisse, CSB

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J.T. Roland Janisse
January 28, 1972

Dear Robert.

Thanks for your sympathy & your remembrance of Dad at Mass. Also for the "tid-bits of information" which are getting scarcer these days.

I've been quite preoccupied lately with planning & carrying out Counseling Learning Institute with Fr. Curran of Loyola. In fact we've so many requests (among others, five last year - of five days each - for the priests of Detroit, two this year for Toledo, ten next year for all Dioceses of Michigan along with our basic four here in Windsor).

It's been very good to meet & work with so many excellent priests, Bishops & religious. I'm not at all discouraged about the future of the Church with such people!!

Sincerely

Roland

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Pontiac June 21st.

Dear Bob:

My writing is going fairly well; some days very well. I expect to leave here this week-end to spend some days with the parish priest brother at Clinton, Mich., before going over to Assumption [University] on June 30th. So please send any mail after this week to Assumption, particularly the government check which should arrive there (Toronto) on June 28th.

We have some 20 Dominican Sisters making a "retreat" here this week. The "retreat master" is a woman psychologist from Oakland University. The sisters are a middle-age group, say 40-60 years of age. "Wonderful people, and so responsive, in spite of the fact they have been so long repressed" their prof told me. I would like to hear Louis Bondy on this.

Claude Arnold wrote to say that I have been named to an Advisory Committee on Liturgy and Common Prayer re the Pre-Chapter Convention. So I guess you will see me in Toronto about Aug. 1st.

Best regards,

V.L. Kennedy, C.S.B.

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Assumption University
400 Huron Church Road
Windsor. Ontario. Canada

July 4.72.

Dear Bob:

Your letter with my pension check arrived yesterday. Thanks.

I have dug up some interesting files on the 20 ties and early 30 ties but the records here are not in the best of shape. I now have documentary evidence that the famous "study hall" debate on the new vow of poverty took place at the retreat held at S[aint] M[ichael's] C[ollege] which began June 25, 1923. (Cf. Letters of Forster to Dan Dillon June 25, 1923, July 3) This rules out the commonly accepted view that the meeting took place in Aug. 1922. The decree of the Apostolic Delegate setting up the 1st Chapter of the new C.S.B. of Toronto for Aug. 15, 1922, is also here. The Apostolic Delegate, Di Maria, states that he will preside over the elections. (This may be superfluous information to you.)

I have had no success so far in tracking down the Assumption Review but will ask further. Laj [Father E.J. Lajeunesse] is at the Island and I miss his help. There are only some ten men living in. The others are scattered all over Windsor. Stan Murphy has been helpful. Brother John is a marrying parson; 5 weddings this past weekend. I doubt if Billy McGee can remember much. He is rather senile, but in fair health.

I have 4 boxes of files in my room at the moment, brought from from a lumber room in the basement!

Will keep you informed if I find anything of interest. Best regards

V.L.K.

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Wed. July 19.72.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter which came yesterday. Sorry to hear of the death of [Mrs.] Eva's [Taylor] husband. I shall write her a note. The other news was welcome; too bad about Peter Sheehan. I think N[orman] Kolb would be a fine replacement at Newman. Don't you?

You mention coming down here at the weekend. Any possibility of postponing it a few days and persuading Kolb to lend you a car to bring me back to Toronto? I shall be ready to return by Wednesday next and with two valises I hate the idea of a bus or train. I have made enquiries here and in Detroit and see no prospects of a ride to Toronto next week.

At the moment, the resident Basilians here are: [Eugene] Malley, [Daniel] Mulvihill, [John] O'Meara, [Edward] Pappert, [Arthur] Weiler, [Thomas] Stokes, [William] McGee, and [Norbert] Babe Ruth. The latter is a mine of information on the evolution of Assumption [College] into the University of Windsor. The two Murphys [John & Stan] have been at the [Strawberry] Island but may be back this weekend. We see some of the out-residents now and again: [Clarence] Drouillard, [John] Doheerty (should be Dougherty) [Joseph] Quinn, [Arthur] Roberts and John Tallon, but no sign of [Adrian] Record, [Alphonse] Malone, and [Robert] Fehr. Billy McGee becomes more like Bill Murray every day. He should not be here.

In case you want to get in touch with me, I have a private phone in my room: 258-2833. The Assumption switch-board has been discontinued: 7:30 to 9 pm is the best time to call.

Best regards,

V.L. Kennedy, C.S.B.

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Dec. 19.72.

Dear Bob:

My welcome to the South was a three day norther but it has warmed up, 62 degrees yesterday and 70 today. Everyone seems well here, except Frank Murphy who looks like an escapee from the Belsen Concentration Camp but has lost none of his ability to talk at length. Jim Magee and Bill Duggan are football fans so there is little chance of my missing the play-offs on coloured T.V.

School finishes tomorrow, Wednesday, and in the evening we have the Basilian Christmas get-together with you-know-what at 5 pm followed by dinner in the cafeteria. Then comes the great Christmas diaspora, John Wick and Bill Schreiner are headed for N.Y. State and Peter Mosteller for Toronto, other departures have not yet been recorded on the grapevine.

Jim Wilson returned yesterday from Toronto with the latest news onf [Lous] Bondy and [Leonard] Rush. He had returned earlier than he planned because, as he said, they must get cracking on the drive for 2 million dollars planned for February to raise money for a library complex which is on the planning boards. I shall probably get some re-action to this from the University [of St. Thomas] people as the clientele of the High School and the University of St. Thomas is very much co-identical in Houston.

My quarters here are very comfortable; a combined office-bedroom with toilet and shower. It might

serve as a model for what the Basilian retirée might expect. John Wick is a very gracious host and I feel that I am welcome here.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

V.L. Kennedy, C.S.B.

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Jan 11.73.

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Thanks for your letter. I have not yet traced the Catholic Choirmaster. I am sure they never contacted me for an article; so I suspect theirs is simply a reprint from Orate Fratres. I recall too that I wrote an anrticle on the Liturgical Movement for some St. Michael's College or Basilian publication, the 30 ties or early 40 ties. It was not important.

They had a house meeting here the other night at which Jim Wilson gave a report on the last Council Meeting. One item was a list of suggested candidates for the Superiorship of St. Basil's College. That was the first I had heard that [Norman] Kolb was not taking a second term. I weep no tears. Another item was that a number of the men at Assumption wanted to leave the Community unless they were allowed to keep their full salaries, also that Gene Malley had resigned as President.

Ed Garvey is giving two lectures next week in California on the errors of process theology. He recently received a note from the Apostolic Delegate (U.S.) to the effect that the Sacred Congregation of Doctrine had noticed and approved his efforts on behalf of true faith! Right now Garvey is the best known Basilian in the U.S. He is on a real crusade against [Gregory] Baum, Bro[ther] Moran and their ilk. You better start a file on him.

Joe Wey was in Houston on holidays. He appeared here for about half an hour one afternoon. Frank Burns was here for our Christmas meal. He seems very well.

The High School here is starting a drive for 2 million. They plan some sort of a library plus other complex. The Strake Foundation has given one hundred thousand and promised a second hundred if they raised $1,900,000. Shifty Murphy seems to be enjoying his retirement but I assure you he has not retired from loquacity. Bill Riley is also retired but fills in for absent teachers. Bill Duggan and Jim Magee are well and good company.

The main news these days in Houston is the weather. Since New Year's it has been a steady chill and to-day it is snowing heavily. All schools are closed and they just announced over the radio that the freeways are being closed one by one. It is due to dip to 25 degrees tonight. We hope for a change over the week-end. We have one consolation; it cannot last indefinitely as in Toronto.

Tom Slattery stayed here for a couple of days. He was attending a convention; has a good job in Dallas and a family of four; he is of course all "fixed up" and is very active in Catholic circles in Dallas.

That's all for now. Write when you can.

Sincerely,

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Jan. 27.73.

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Thanks for your news of Toronto. I was a bit amazed to hear that [Hubert] Coughlin was number one choice at St. Michael's College but not too amazed. He has always been in my view, the smartest politician in the Order. The pick here was 1. [Robert] Matzinger, 2 J[ohn] Gaughan, 3 Walter Scott.

I was down to St. Joseph Hospital the other day to see Vin Guian. I hardly knew him. It is now certain that he has terminal cancer and his days are numbered. Shifty Murphy is there too. He had an attack the night they announced Johnson's death but it has been diagnosed as angina not a coronary.

Tuesday evening we had as guests [E.J.] McCorkell and [Wilfrid] Dwyer and Dwyer's two aged sisters who added little to the occasion - one is deaf as a post. May the good Lord continue to give me enough sense not to impose my relatives on Basilian Communities!

Thursday evening I had a pleasant visit to the University of St. Thomas. Their recent additions of a dining room on one side and a chapel and community room on the other has made their residence quite a pleasant house. We had a 5 o'clock community Mass for John Sheehy's anniversary and

an adequate dinner. They have retained more of the traditional Basilian customs than any house I have visited in recent years; even reading before and after the meal and a visit to the Chapel. McCorkell was there too and I noticed that after dinner Garvey had a long talk with him. Garv was just back from a very successful elcture tour of Southern California where he gave 3 or 4 lectures on the perils of process theology. I saw Garv the next day and he was just bubbling about it all. He had a long talk with [Cardinal] McI$_n$tyre of Los Angeles and with an auxiliary bishop who was once a curate of Fr. [Albert] Hurley. He expects some special notice soon from the "Wanderer" of St. Paul - the greatest Catholic newspaper in America, says Garv. Keepyour eye on Garvey; he is now leading defender of traditional Catholic theology in the States and can no longer be dismissed as merely a reactionary philosopher as Wey and McCorkell have been saying.

The weather has been up and down but nor more snow. Your Toronto temperature of 52 is called a cold wave down here but I am glad you are having a mild winter. After last Fall and Summer uou deserve it.

I noticed the other night that Ed Lee and [Hugh] Haffey are really showing their age. Bill Sharpe looks very much the same to me. [James] Embser still looks young and vigorous in spite of his 67 years. We have a very pleasant community here thanks to John Wick. Keep your eye on a young man named James Gautn - he is a comer. He has personality and intelligence and as Father [Tom] Heydon used to say "comes of good stock, you know." His father came from Kinkora.

I met Larry Faye the other evening for the first time in years. I must give him an A for persistence. He now has a Doctorate in Psychology with what I would call less than average ability. What kind of psychology I wouldn't know in this day and age.

George Freemesser is busy as a professor of psychiatry at Baylor [Medical School] and other things but hopes to get his Dimplomate in Med. Psych this year. He is going up to Toronto for a meeting on Feb. 24th - also Jim Gaunt. Larry Galla is in Methodist Hospital for a spinal fusion. That completes my news letter.

Sincerely

V.L. Kennedy

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Feb. 12.73.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your news of the Toronto complex. I am sure that E.L. Rush will have a good publicized 50th. The last flash of the falling star!

The news here is that Bob Madden is the next Superior at St. Basil's College and [Elliott] Allen at St. Michael's College. This contradicts an earlier rumor that Allen was at S.B.C. and [Hubert] Coughlin at S.M.C. Jimmy Wilson is back. He will probably report to the local community on Tuesday next as he generally does a after a meeting. I must say that the confreres are much better informed today about the doings of the Council than they were in our day when secrecy was the password. That is at least progress. I spent most of my life as a sort of secret agent. I was bound to secrecy as a local councillor, a superior, a procurator at Tome, a general councillor and I had to take an oath of secrecy two times; as a consultant to Vatican 2, and as a consultor of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

I recently received a New Year's message of goodwill from the Rector of the Pont. Inst. of Christ. Archaeology signed by all the members of the staff. I served there as visiting professor for only 4 years in contrast to my 25 years at the

Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies from which I never received a word of thanks, nor did I expect any.

Two of my friends in Rome have been made Cardinals, Antonelli, the head of the Section of the Sacred Congregation of Rites (Historical Section) who was a fellow student at the Pont. Inst. of Chr. Arch. The other was the French Dominican [Paul] Philippe, who was in the sixties the secretary of the Congregation of Religious. You may remember when he visited Toronto and came to St. Michael's College.

Why were no Canadians made Cardinals? Garvey says: because they betrayed the Pope on "Humanae Vitae".

Father [Vincent] Guinan's sister, St. Michael, the Ursuline expert on gerontology has been here this last week. She interviewed all the doctors but got little reassurance; they have not yet, they say, discovered the original source of the cancer; and the cancerous growth they removed from his neck was secondary. Shifty Murphy has been moved to St. Anthony's Convalescent home but Jim Magee who saw him yesterday says he does not look good.

We had a second snowfall last week followed by a "cold wind from Canada". Yesterday and today have been sunny but chilly; it will be back to the sixties tomorrow they say. The snow was one and a half inches and was gone by noon but 2 snowfalls in one year is something undheard of in Houston.

All are well here at the house. No sings of the current flu epidemic so far. The baseball team is practicing and the trees are in bud. So we may have real Spring soon. Best regards

Vin Kennedy.

Ste. Anne's Church
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November 10, 1972.

Dear Bob:

Your letter reached me yesterday and I must answer it at once. It is rather quiet here tonight. I am alone in the house. The others went out to buy a farm; or try out a yoke of oxen and the other member has married a wife and cannot stay at home. The result is I have the job of answering the door and the phone in two languages.

I was glad to hear the news about the confreres in Toronto. I was quite interested in your new infirmary for the aged. I suppose I should speak for a room soon or I will be too late. I felt sorry for Fr. [Leonard] Rush when you mentioned him. He was so perfect in all that he did and said. He would never use a past participle instead of verb, and if it was in French he would be sure that it agreed with the preceding direct object. Fr. [Francis] Lyons should still add a little cheer to the crowd.

We had Fr. [Joseph] Pope here for most of last week. He is sure taken up with that new theology that you are throwing around the seminary. It has put new life in him and he seems anxious to pour it out on all those who do not have a chance to get the courses. Also this week we had Fr. [Bert] Morrissey. He seems in good cheer and health. Some of our young staff were enlightened on theology of past years. He did most of the

talking and it made it hard for us to express our ideas. Since we no longer believe that Adam and Eve were our First Parents - it seems evolution threw in a few curves some time and upset the apple cart, I did not get into the discussion.

The Cardinal [John Deardon] has asked us to preach for four Sundays on the Church, the World and the Kingdom. I can't say I swept anyone off their feet with my talks. I made up a sort of ditty each Sunday on the subject and felt that it might pass with a push. That is what Floyd Crowley used to say of his sermons. John Depa has meetings with the people every Monday night on the same topics but so far none have come out with the feeling of "Like a Strong and Raging Fire."

We are baptizing the new way at Ste. Anne's now. It is during Mass and it is not by pouring water but by immersion. Fr. [Robert] Power had it last Sunday. He baptized five babies. The only flaw was when they took the clothes off two of them they had nothing on but a smile. Some of the old people came to me after Mass to complain about it. I said that was against the mind of the Church. They should have at least a St. Joseph's cord on them. That did not clear up the situation. Last year Larry Vidoveck said the twelve o'clock Mass on Sunday. When he gave the kiss of Peace to Sister Rose - who was in the sanctuary directing the choir - they not only shook hands but embraced. Mrs. Campbell was shocked and came to me after Mass to complain. She said what do you suppose made them do such a thing. I said, well I understood them to say they got absent-minded and thought they were in Clark's Park. That did not clear up anything.

Fr. [Roger] deBilly was over the other day. He is getting along well in Amherstburg. He and John Ware have different ideas about the way things should be run in a parish. I would say that neither of them would save much money in financing the place. They are both very extreme on the Vow of Poverty.

Fr. Power is doing a great job with the Mexicans. He has them coming to all kinds of meetings, devotions, Mass etc. They have the ten o'clock Mass on Sunday and actually fill Ste. Anne's Church. They used to be in the chapel but it would no longer hold them. He also has a Mexican Mass every Thursday evening at seven. It is in the chapel and they have standing room only for it.

Tell Fr. [T.A.] MacDonald that I am slightly hurt that he went by Belledune to get his degree at St. Thomas [University in Fredericton] If he comes to Windsor I would like to have him come with me to play bridge at the Reynold's home.

Well Bob I will have to call this my little ditty for tonight. I am always glad to hear from you. It is about the only news we get. We do not have many visitors for some reason but we do enjoy hearing how our confreres are getting along.

Best wishes to you and all, especially Ed Young.

Matt

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St. Thomas More College
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Monday 25 October 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

It is always good to hear from you and be brought up to date on local news. Congratulations on your speaking engagement at the St. Mary's [Church] Owen Sound centennial dinner. Vin [Thompson] made a fine choice.

What I said in the letter of May 31, 1970, is substantially true. You do look down on the church in the village as you approach it from the southern hills of the Loire, the highest and most important of which is Mont Pilat, where French television has a major relay station. So coming from Annonay to Val Fleury you drive north and east a little bit, winding your way through these mountains, among the priettiest in France, passing from the south slope of Mont Pilat to the north. Were you to approach the village from Givors in the Rhône valley, then you would climb somewhat and come upon it nestled just at the foot of th hills behind it and at the south western most end of the flowered valley. Fleury is an old form of fleuri -- flowered or in flower, and val is a small valley or dale. The fruit trees and shrubs in this rich valley are a pciture in early spring, and attract visitors because they blossom earlier than fruit trees elsewhere in the area, scine the valley is sheltered from the cold north and west winds.

The village is not very big, so I am not surprised that Baedeker makes no mention of it. You just might find a mention of it if you look up Saint-Chamond, a city of 15,600 inhabitants nearby, home of Antoine Pinay, France's financial genius under De Gaulle and responsible for the new heavy revalued franc becoming a respectable money on the world market.

I could be wrong here, but my guess is that the church at Val Fleury dates form the beginning of the 19th century. It is a centre of Marian devotion, and the Capuchins staff the church. There is an outdoor grotto, meant to resemble that of Lourdes, made of porous limestone and really quite ugly. There is also an outdoor way of the cross taking you through acacia trees and over mounds, not a work of art either. Pilgrimages are organized from nearby parishes, even from Lyons and St. Etienne. This is not uncommon in France. A city like Lyons may have a huge Marian shrine (Notre Dame de la Fourvière) but for the Lyonnese it is too close; on a nice day they want to take a drive, picnic under the trees or in a meadow in the hills and have a religious purpose in mind as well, so they go to one of these local places of pilgrimage.

In the Granottier combination bake-shopcafé the lady told us she remembered her father speaking of two abbés who went off to America, but they had lost contact with them, and thought that they had probably died there, "quelque par en Amérique" -- far, far from the flowering vale.

Sorry my recollections are so sketchy, but if anything here helps you I shall be content.

Good luck and my prayers,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

P.S. If you have my memoirs bound or in some mailable form, I should like to go through them and check on a few things. I have none of them here with me. What I would like are the sections, "West Ops Story" and "One Way to France". These sections cover the years 1926-43, 1953-56. I have now completed the intervening period 1943-1953 and have about 325 pages written on the years 1956-63. Some of the things I wrote while in France are slipping from my memory, so that is why I would like to re-read those pages.

The secretaries here are typing up in their spare time what I manage to get written, and promise me 3 copies, so I should soon be able to send you some more "stuff".

For diversion's sake I am also keeping a journal of day-to-day life here at St. Thomas More, and am writing up the year in Albuquerque (about 40 pages so far). Thanks in advance.

(Transcribed from the original, bound with Father Scollard's talk at the centennial of St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound, 1871-1971, in the author's possession)

St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan
1437 College Drive
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Monday 8 November 1971

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter of November 5th, which arrived in my box this morning. This is a hasty reply, as I know you do not have many more days left to put the final touches on your centennial talk.

To the best o my knowledge, which is not scientific, the church is indeed called, as you surmised, Notre Dame de Val Fleury. At least, that is the way people in that part of the country refer to it -- on va fair un pèlerinage à N-D de Val Fleury. Now that you have done so much research on the Owen Sound Church, you will have to go some day yourself to see the prototype -- maybe we could make the pilgrimage together??

I just came from my French class, which for sake of convenience (mine, not the students), has been transferred from the Arts Bldg to Room 260 here in St. Thomas More College. Oscar felt that the howling subzero winds would not favour my arthritis limbs in the winter months. I am grateful for his sollicitude, and in fact, the STM room is much more pleasant than the one we had across campus; here we have nice soft chairs (it is the board room), <u>and windows</u>. I think the kids are not too disgruntled with the change.

Jack McReavy is driving to Regina this afternoon to meet with STM alumni tonight in the area and

explain the proposed new legislation for the College. Since he is a pro voter, Ian[Boyd] has decided to accompany him, to present the opposition's point of view. I don't think Jack Minds, but Bud Paré, who is to do the same thing in Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton, says he will ask Peter [Swan] to do it himself if Ian decides to pull the same stunt; Bud shuns polemics. So you can see that, in spite of the Prairie Messenger's 2-page spread, the battle is on.

George Beaune is due to arrive today or tomorrow from Winnipeg. He was scheduled to hold a workshop on prayer this coming weekend with the Sisters of the city, but at the last meeting of the Sisters Senate in Saskatoon they voted against the said workshop. It seems that they had a workshop on prayer recently; and besides they do not appreciate Ottawa (Canadian Religious Conference) scheduling events for them without first consulting them as to the opportunness. Well, George will be welcome to stay here, and the Sisters will know that he is available.

8, 6, and 5 below these days, but today it has warmed up to 20 above.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

(Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, Sask.
Tuesday 30 November 1971.

Dear Father Scollard,

This is the first letter on my reconditioned typewriter; don't you feel flattered? Greg Mallon had it serviced for me and in the meantime I was using Frank Burns' electric portable. After 18 years this old pelter needed some attention; for one thing the ribbon would move in one direction only, and I had to rewind it by hand whenever it got to the end, because one of the spools did not fit into the teeth which cause it to rotate. Also the carriage would not move forward whenever I hit the letter q, not to mention a few other idiosyncracies and layers of dust on the innards. But it appears to be working fine now. Actually it is Frank Orsini's old typewriter; he gave it to me in 1953 when I was going over to France for the first time, and in exchange I left him my standard Smith-Corona, which I believe he left at the seminary when he moved away from there. I never saw it again.

Thank you for your letter of November 24, and for a copy of your fine talk. I read both with great interest. You certainly did a lot of research for the Owen Sound address; it is a gold mine of information, and I feel certain that the people of the Sound would appreciate hearing all that interesting history about their own parish. I hope they adequately acknowledged the efforts you had made.

I finished work on the memoirs of the Annonay period 1956-62, the teaching years, that is.

The secretaries are typing the manuscript when they get some free time. If it is alright with you I shall return what pages you sent me, plus the above and the period 1944-52. I have made a start on the years at St. Michael's College, 1962-64, and to that shall add a sizable section on the three years at the seminary 1964-67. At the moment I am holding oral exams for my students, so it is hard to get much done, but I hope to get back at it once that work is cleared away.

Peter [Swan] got back from Mexico City and Houston Saturday last, a day earlier than he expected. He reported that Frank Burns was coming along well after his heart operation, and feeling no more chest pains. Everyone is well here. The sharp division of opinion over the Corporation of the College, the inclusion of non-Catholic members, has died down, but a polemic is going on in the Prairie Messenger over Ian Boyd's letter to Alf de Valk for his 2-page spread on the 35 years of the college.

A Priests' conference is in session today at the Catholic Centre in Saskatoon, the subject of which is the new Canadian catechism. Bud Paré is participating on a panel. Jack McReavy read the 'new apostles' creed, as it is given in the Grade 8 book of the Come to the Father series at lunch today, something to the effect that "All life is good and beautiful" -- the opening statement, and Ian flatly denied the truth of that statement. So we'll probably have a new little war on our hands.

Best wishes for Advent.

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

St. Thomas More College
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Friday 7 January 1972

Dear Bob,

I am indebted to you more deeply every day it seems, First of all, thank you for your thoughtful Christmas, and for the memorial cards which you found in an old Breviary: three of them were missing from my collection. Thank you also for about three letters, the latest of which arrived today. I am glad to know thepackage reached you intact; it was kind of you to loan me your copy of "West Ops Story" and "Toa Degree". I xeroxed them. I also xeroxed the "Teaching in Annonay", 2 copies, one for my mother and one to keep. Needless to say, I find myself carrying a heavy debt at the moment. What you suggest about the Ops memoirs is very pertinent and accurate. I did indeed take it for granted that my readers, i.e. the immediate members of the family, knew precisely to whom I was referring. It may take me some time to meet your request. I shall have to get my two sisters, Anne and Rosemary, working on the dates, and as for the description of schooling of my brothers and sisters, I really could not say at the moment how long that would take me. I could do a rather short portrait with a brief curriculum vitae for each one between now and when your bookbinder returns from surfing, but were it to take on the proportions of the portratis of the French confreres, I could not promise anything for about a year, and it might fatten a volume beyond the binding point. Your sentence "I wish for a bit more as

suggested aboe" would lead me to believe a shorter account would suffice. It would also run less risk of bringing a brother's ire down around my head who felt that he had been misrepresented, distorted or short changed.

A recent development has begun to cut seriously into my daily schedule: physiotherapy at the hospital, with a home programme of exercises to be done twice a day. It works out to 16 hours a week, during which time I can, unfortunately do little else, except reflect, recall or plan. They are using ice extensivley: feet, ankles, knees, hands, shoulders & arms, followed by guided exercises. Result: a slight improvement in walking, no significant change in the hands or arms.

My French classes are going pretty well; I enjoy them, although the students occasionally frustrate me with their lack of grammar and vocabulary. One has to take them as they are, that is the problem. Meanwhile the meetings, go on. Yesterday it was the Forum, tonight it is the College Council, tomorrow it will be the Corporation - this is in addition to local council, house, Newman, Lutheran-Catholic and departmental meetings. It is a way of life.

Bill Young is visiting us officially at the moment. Soon he will go to France, where, I'm afraid a somewhat down-in-the-dumps community awaits him both in Paris and in Annonay.

Thank you for writing , Bob.

Kevin

(Transcribed from the original, placed in Father Scollard's copy of the memoirs)

St. Thomas More College
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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Thursday 10 February 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter of 16 January. I am slow in answering this time, slow, in fact, in getting through a back-log of Christmas mail. Thank you for the news of Toronto confreres, and happenings in the city, particularly the dinner at St. Michael's College School.

It looks now as though Bud Paré will be joining you next year, to follow courses at St. Michael's and do some teaching. We are told it is for one year only, to get him going on his doctoral thesis. Replacing him here will not be easy, especially his work in the Newman Centre. The problem is being discussed these days: Peter thinks we could "make do" with a joint effort for a year, but others think it taks a man full time to meet the needs of the Newman members. Bud's courses may be taught by Father Biztyo, diocesan, already on our staff, or they may be suspended for a year.

The Theology Faculty, which fell through last June has been revived under the name of School of Religious Studies, and seems to be meeting less opposition. It would no longer be exclusively Christian, but could include other world religions if there were qualified teachers to offer the courses. The Lutherans are hesitant about okaying it, but St. Thomas More, Emmanuel and St. Andrew's appear to agree. St. Andrews is even offering

the use of its degree granting privileges as a pro-tem arrangement until the school could get under way (probably Sept. '74). Peter seems happy enough about it, but he has yet to sell the idea to the rest of the St. Thomas More staff. Ian [Boyd] screws his face away at the thought.

Next Friday Peter [Swan], Oscar [Regan] and I are flying to Calgary for a meeting with the other people of Western Canada who will be attending the pre-chapter convention. I suppose we shall attempt to coordinate our efforts on how best to prepare for the convention.

Our weather is mild today, something like 15 degrees above after 51 degrees below we can take anything now. The cold has not bothered my joints or muscles at all, for which I am very grateful. Physio has been reduced to three days a week because of the progress I have made since beginning the program 17 Dec. 1971.

The memoirs are at a standstill. I have done nothing for over a month; no, that is not quite true, I manage to write two pages a day of my "Prairie Journal", all current stuff. But for some reason I have ground to a halt on the two years at St. Michael's College, 1962-64. Perhaps I should move on to the rectorship, 1964-67, even if the preceding two years are not adequately treated.

Have received no answer to the request for information you sent me re the West Ops Stroy, but I know my sister, Anne (Mrs. Hodgson) is working on it. Hope I can get my mother's diary typed up some day; she has it complete from about 1935 to the present, brief entries, many of them, but

fascinating to go back over. She is still writing it - will be 91 this coming Saturday.

Write again when you find the time.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Kevin.

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Kevin J. Kirley
February 18, 1972

St. Thomas More College
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Friday 18 February 1972

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Herein please find some of the information which you requested; I say some, because you will see at a glance that it is not as complete as an historian woul wish it to be, and indeed, not entirely accurate, although I think accurate enough for the purpose. I send it to you just about as my sister Anne sent it back to me, with a few additions of my own for to flesh it out slightly. Some dates were apparently unavailable, but I'm not sure that Anne checked the parish records; I rather think she did not. Such things as the date of birth of Miss Droogan might not be in the Lindsay records, for she may have come from somewhere else. As kids, we thought that, like Melchisedech, she had no beginning or parentage. My mother's diary supplied some information as to deaths, but only going back to 1936, it is of little use for birth dates in the 19th century. However, use of this what you deem necessary.

We are enjoying our mid-term break: Thursday-Sunday. Some departments voted for a whole week, a reading week, but they were over-ruled by someone. With the last lecture in Arts coming up on March 31, the university year is now well-spent, and examinations are looming on the horizon. It has been a year of singular campus rest, as opposed to campus unrest; I've never seen such a well-behaved bunch of undergraduates.

Tomorrow night the various cultural groups in Saskatoon are putting on their annual show, the Folk Arts Festival. Bill O'Brien has been training the German choir, and I believe is to appear dressed as a Bavarian mountaineer, complete with cape and bare knees. He puts a lot of time on choir directing at the German Club, all of which makes Peter [Swan] mutter in disgruntlement. I don't think Peter considers it a legitimate extra-curricular activity. We should all like to think that after it is over, Bill will be able to relax, but something tells us that will not be the case. You might as well tell a pretzel to go limp.

The University Press Department, distinct from the St. Thomas More French Department, has hired me for next year to give one of their courses; it is the same material that I am giving this year, but will be to one of their groups. So with two courses next year, 6 hours (3 hours each) and some lab work, I shall feel that I am drawing my weight a little better. The health so far has been pretty good; certainly the severe cold is no hindrance, a factor we did not know this time last year.

Are you watching the Whiteoaks of Jalna series? I see the December issue of Les Livres du Mois from Paris lists Mazo de la Roche's Le Maître de Jalna. She has enjoyed a fairly steady popularity abroad.

Best wishes for a happy Lent,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

Enclosure:

Aunt Kate, page 16. Born 1877 in a log house on Finnegan farm RR 1, Little Br. died 1954 in Lindsay, Ontario. Family name: Catherine Kirley, sister of Francis Kirley. Married name: Mrs. Patrick Costello. They lived in Calgary. She returned to Lindsay after the death of her husband, to 33A Glenelg Street East. No children.

Aunt Lucy, page 198. Born 1877, died October 15, 1960. Born on a farm near Omemee. Family name: Miss Lucy McGeough, sister of Lillian M. McGeough (Mrs. Francis Kirley). Never married. Worked as a house maid for many years in Buffalo, N.Y. Retired to Lindsay and died there in a nursing home.

Aunt Mary, page 151. Born 1873, died 1957. Family name: Mary Kirley. Married name: Mrs. Joseph Ryan. No children. Taught in Kenny's School, West Ops (S.S.5) for many years. Moved ot Marysville when she married Jose Ryan, to a farm about a half mile west of the Catholic church. Died there.

Bradamore, Agatha, page 199. Student at St. Joseph's Academy. Roomed at Mrs. Leahy's in 1939, Glenelg and St. Lawrence Streets, Lindsay. Originally from Cobokonk, Ontario.

Droogan, Miss Maggie, page 130. Year of birth unknown. Died April 30, 1947. Taught for over 30 years at S.S.4 School, West Ops. Lived in Lindsay with her sisters.

Fox, Mrs. Thomas, page 190. Next door neighbour to Miss Gunn on St. Larence Street.

Gunn, Mary, page 199. Born ? Died February 13, 1950. Lived at 33 St. Lawrence Street South, Lindsay.

Hiram Burns, page 150. Born ? Died January 15, 1953. Owned a farm on RR 1, Little Britain, south of Kirley farm, at West Creek of Scugog River.

Jimmy Burns, page 150. Son of Hiram. Drowned in West Creek at age of 7, about 1937.

Howell, Mr., page 138. Farmer on Little Britain Road, east of Elm Tree Corner, Gunn's Farm. Everyone called him "Jauncy". Perhaps he was John C.

Kirley Family

Francis Joseph Kirley. (Father) Born January 20, 1879; died June 20, 1966. Youngest in his family; three sisters older: Mary, Kate and Elizabeth (later Sister Mary Agnes). Farmer. Some grade school education below Grade 8. Seven sons, three daughters. Retired to Lindsay in 1951, 33 Glenelg Street East. House built by his uncle, John Flurey. Died there.

Lillian Margaret Kirley. (Mother) Née McGeough. Born February 12, 1881 on a farm near Omemee, Ontario. Entrance certificate. Normal School, Toronto. Taught school. Married Francis J. Krley, September 29, 1908, St. Mary's Church, Lindsay.

Children of Mr. & Mrs. Kirley

Rosemary. Born August 28, 1909. Grade School S.S. 4 Ops. High School St. Joseph's

Academy, Lindsay. Graduated from Baker's Business College, Lindsay. Secretary in Toronto for Ventures, Bank of Commerce; later in Lindsay for Department of Lands and Forests in Ontario Government Building. Living in retirement at 33 Glenelg Street East, Lindsay. Unmarried.

Gertrude. Born January 8, 1911. Grade school S.S. 4 Ops. High School St. Joseph's Academy, Lindsay. Contracted multiple sclerosis at 16. Died at 32, April 14, 1943, in homestead on RR 1 Little Britain, Ontario. Unmarried.

Bernard. Born April 24, 1912. Grade School S.S. 4 Ops. Farmer. Worked with Mr. Joe Ryan, Marysville. Retired to Kingston, Ontario. Unmarried.

Anne. Born June 15, 1914. Grade School S.S. 4 Ops. Grade 13 from St. Joseph's Academy, Lindsay. Graduated from Baker's Business College. Secretary in Toronto, Bank of Commerce for six years, later in Lindsay for three years. Married George Hodgson in 1946 in Lindsay. George Hodgson was born September 20, 1912. Post office civil servant. Two children: Margaret (Mrs. Terrence Conroy), b. 1949; Catherine, b. 1955.

Louis. Born November 7, 1915. Grade School SS. 4 Ops. Farmer, on home farm. Married Jean Twohey of Lindsay. Jean Twohey, born June 25, 1925. Bank employee in Lindsay. Children: John, James, Paul, Stephen, Christopher, Donald.

Austin. Born September 17, 1917. Grade School S.S. 4 Ops. Grade 13 from Lindsay Collegiate Institute. Accounting. RCAF pilot 1940-45. Married Jean Starkey of West Virginia,

USA, July 1945. Jean Starkey, born July 26, 1923. Children: Michael, Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph Saso), Peggy (Mrs. Jay Feeley), Brian, Mary, Peter, Martha, Laurie.

Peter. Born October 15, 1919. Grade School S.S. 4 Ops. Farmer. Sergent in Sault Ste. Marie & Sudbury Regiment 1941-45. Bought Jimmie Cayley's farm; built house on it. Married Mary Giltenan of Lindsay. Mary Giltenan, born December 20, 1924. Children: Frank, Sean, Marianne, Julie, Catherine.

Joseph. Born August 26, 1921. Grade School S.S. 4 Ops. Grade 13 from Lindsay Collegiate Institute. Graduated from Baker's Business College, Lindsay. Farmer and accountant. Married Jean O'Neill of Lindsay. Jean O'Neill, born July 19, 1928. Children: Kevin, Joanne, David, Mary Brigid. Bought Will Payne's farm. Home there.

Gregory. Born October 22, 1923. Grade School S.S. 4 Ops. Grade 13 from Lindsay Collegiate Institute. B.A. from University of Toronto (St. Michael's College). Lieutenant in Canadian Army 1944-45. Draftsman. Manager of Ramaco Brakeshoe Company, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Married Nora Murtha of Lindsay. Nora Murtha, born April 26, 1928. Children: Paul, Patricia, Robert, Thomas, Matthew, Rebecca, Andrew. Home in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Kevin. Born July 29, 1926. Grade School S.S. 4 Ops. Grade 13 from St. Michael's College School, Toronto. B.A. from University of Toronto (St. Michael's College) M.A. from University of Toronto. L.ès L. from University of Lyons, France. Joined the Congregation of Priests of

St. Basil in 1944. Ordained to the priesthood June 29, 1952. Taught at St. Michael's College School, Toronto; Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur, Annonay, France; St. Michael's College, Toronto; St. Pius X High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico; St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask.

Lawrence, Dr. R., page 157. Veterninarian. Died March 26, 1943. Lindsay.

Leahy, Mrs. Bill, page 198. Lived on corner of Glenelg and St. Lawrence Streets, Lindsay. Let rooms to High School students.

Lonie, Mr., page 199. Teacher at Lindsay Collegiate Institute in the 1940's. Deceased.

Payne, Mrs. Will, page 175. Wife of neighbour across the road from the Kirley homestead. Died July 9, 1956.

Payne, Will, page 166. Owned farm across the road from the Kirley homestead. Died in 1950.

Ruby, page 167. Sister of Mrs. Will Payne. Family name, Ruby Scamen. Married Walter Couch.

Sister Paula, page 198. Family name, Elizabeth Holland. Born February 25, 1891. Died June 9, 1942. Sisters of St. Joseph, Lindsay Academy. Principal of St. Dominic's Separate School, Lindsay, which Joseph, Gregory and Kevin Kirley attended for Grades 9 and 10.

Uncle Joe, page 151. Mr. Joseph Ryan of Marysville, Ontario. Farmer. Died in 1960.

(Transcribed from the original, bound in Father Scollard's copy of the West Ops Story)

St. Thomas More College
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Wednesday 19 April 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

I gues the "Canada" is hardly necessary on a letter to Ontario. I have just finished writing two letters in French to former students in France, on this same sort of letter-headless paper and merely out of habit added Canada on yours. Though there is not much news at St. Thomas More to report, I must answer your good letter of February 22 before you begin to think we have broken off relations. Rumors have been started on less. For examples, last night I received a long distance call from Jack Wilson, Lethbridge, "I hear you are looking for a warmer climate. How about Lethbridge? We don't need a French teacher, but you could do this and this and this ..." On he went, before I could get a chance to say, "But Jack, I have complained of the cold in Saskatoon to no one. I even enjoyed the winter here. I have my courses lined up for next year. I like St. Thomas More and never once intimated to anyone that I was looking for another climate." How these impressions are arrived at, I'll never quite know.

Thanks for the greetings from Professor John O'Farrell. He's still Jack Farell to me.

Peter Swan returned last night after Council meetings and a visitation to Catholic Central, but we have so far been unable to pump any news

out of him. When Peter clams up, there's no tighter-shut clam on the sands of the seashore.

The campus is quiet. It is exam time with all the reviewing and presiding and correcting that that entails. No green grass yet, or swollen buds, but we do have lovely sunshine. Alf de Valk has joined our bicycle club, that makes three of us now, with Ian [Boyd] and myself. It would be more pleasant if we could eliminate the automobiles and trucks.

May 13 we go to Calgary for our second regional meeting in preparation for the convention.

Sincerely in Christ,

Kevin.

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Wednesday 17 May 1972

Dear Bob,

Your letter of May 4 was full of community news as usual; thank you so much for writing. We had been wondering here just how serious Joe O'Donnell's heart attack was, so yours was the first bit of accurate information.

The enclosed, as you see, covers the years 1962-64, in a somewhat sketchy scanty fashion, I'm afraid. And Father [Elliott] Allen or Father [Harold] Gardner will be supplying you with the section on the Seminary, 1964-67. Apart from the daily "Prairie Journal", I shall not be doing much writing between now and the convention. The report on Prayer is going to take some time and effort.

The western delegates held a second meeting in Calgary last weekend. Afterwards, Peter Swan and I drove to Lethbridge, and from there home, via Swift Current and Rosetown. Wonderful land in those parts.

Sincerely in Christ,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

(Transcribed from the original, bound in Father Scollard's copy of Father Kirley's Memoirs.)

33 Glenelg St. E.
Lindsay, Ontario
5 July 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

You'll be thinking I did not receive your letter of May 24. I did actually, but it sat in my unanswered mail file folder for a few weeks, and finally I took it away with me last Sunday on the plane from Saskatoon. Only spent the night at St. Michael's College, so did not see many people, except those who frequent the TV room at 11 p.m. and the dining room around 8 a.m. Thank you for the news in your letter. I had hoped to set another bundle of Memoirs at your door, but time ran out on me before leaving St. Thomas More, before I could correct the errors the secretaries had made. This volume is current stuff, the happenings at St. Thomas More from 30 June 1971 to 30 June 1972, and runs to 420 pages, single spaced. The proof-reading takes time, but I should get at it early in September and have a copy for you within a matter of days, once I get back to Saskatoon.

My mother, 91, looks pretty well. I can't see much change from last summer. She still enjoys a joke, does the dishes after each meal, and prays her rosary. My sister, Rosemary, gives her the best of care.

This Sunday I plan to go to Strawberry Island for the renewal course, three weeks. Hope the weather warms up a bit.

Have not met the new pastor yet, Msgr. Sullivan. He's away at a Catholic Women's League convention in Sudbury. Everyone speaks well of him in his absence, which is a change. Hoep to see you in Toronto.

Sincerely, Kevin.

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Wednesday 20 September 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

I have just come back from the campus postoffice where I mailed off to you a package of notes, the first volume of the Prairie Journal which covers the year 1971-1972. I wrapped it myself, and not being very adept at that sort of thing, I now wonder if the parcel will make the journey intact. It is a xeroxed copy of my own, and as you can imagine, cost me plenty -- 5 ¢ a page - but I figured it would be worth it to have a lived day-by-day account of this critical year in the life of St. Thomas More College, when the Charter was altered to admit up to 20% non-Catholics on the Corporation.

Do you think you could find someone who might be interested in reading it through, all 420 pages, and making a brief index. It would be handy for future reference. Let me know what you think. In the meantime I am grinding out a couple of pages a day on events this year as they happen, but I have changed the format somewhat. I am now writing them in the form of daily letters, all addressed so far to Anne, my sister in Lindsay (Mrs. Hodgson), who has given me encouragement to write over the years. I find that the letter style helps me considerably to move from one topic to another, and comment on them.

Has Dick Donovan seen you yet? He wants to read the section in my memoirs about the year in Paris,

1953-1954, which we spent together, and I told him this summer that you would be glad to loan him that volume. Elliott Allen was supposed to turn the pages I wrote on the Seminary 1964-1967 over to you. Has he done this yet?

We welcomed Father James J. Kelly to St. Thomas More yesterday, and so far he seems happy to be here. He will be taking two of Ian Boyd's courses; a university professor has taken the third. Many people are asking fro Ian, and hoping, as we all are, that he will soon be back with us again. George Beaune is making out quite well so far as we can judge, and he looks quite happy.

I had hoped to go to Annonay this coming summer to do some research on the history of the school there between 1955 and 1971; but now that I have to go to the Chapter, I shall not likely be able to get away. Fiat!

P.S. If you pass the Prairie Journal on to anyone, could I ask you to ask him to keep its contents confidential. I say some pretty harsh things about people here, not exaggerated, but harsh. It could be embarrassing if such remarks got back to the house.

Sincerely,

Kevin

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Monday 6 November 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

How good to hear from you again, and to read all the interesting community news in your letter of October 31. I also enjoyed the article on Joseph Lapierre. The mention of Veaudevant brought back memories of a cold snowy Easter I spent in that little parish, in the rectory, preaching on the theme of La Pâques -- Dieu qui passe, before returning to Preaux and having the traditional Easter meal with the curé: boiled beef, etc. Some home-made kirsch, extracted from local cherries, helped digestion, as I recall, and the trip back to Annonay. But other names too are charged with meaning: Valence, Lyon, le Séminaire-St.-Irénée, Plats, Tournon, Sarras, St. Symphorien de-Mahun, -- what a pity you will never visit these places about which you have done so much reading and writing! I wish we could go together sometime; I could find them, and you could tell me about them in the light of our past history.

May I ask a favour of you? I seem to recall from my novitiate year, 1944-45, a certain Judge Kenny (Martin), who claimed to be a relative, although I never knew just how, and who did some writing on such topics as the C.C.F., a few articles and pamphlets. He lived in Holy Rosary Parish, in the apartments on Clarendon, or some such street. He has a daughter, Rosemary, whose married name I do not know. But Greg Mallon tells me that his brother, Frank, would remember her.

My request is this: do you think you could give Frank Mallon a ring, ask him if he remembers this person and if he could inquire as to whether any of the judge's writings are still available. I promised Alf de Valk that I would speak to someone about them. He wants very much to get anything Catholic for his collection. If the originals, could not be released, maybe xeroxing could be thought of, as I don't believe the judge wrote anything very lengthy. Being a "petit-cousin" of this, I probably should approach the family myself, but I really don't know their name, nor have I ever met them.

Ian Boyd has returned after some convalescence in Edmonton and on the coast, but he has not lost any of his former neurosis. Now his classes are being nicely covered by Jim Kelly, so I don't know what Ian is going to do. He needs some care, and a lot of prayers.

Father Vincent Kennedy's talk sounds terrific, I shall be most anxious to read it.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Kevin

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Saturday 9 December 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

I owe thanks for two letters, that of November 7 and the one of four days later. The present date being what it is, almost a month later, I also owe you an apology. I enjoyed reading the article on Feyzin; it was heartening to see that some connaisseur is trying to restore the house to its original beauty. Thank you also for inquiring into Judge Kenny's writings. It may be hard enough to trace them down, but this coming summer I shall ask my sister in Lindsay about them.

Father [Alphonse] de Valk flies off today for 3 weeks in Holland with his parents. He has not seen them in some time, but were it not for them I don't think he would bother to go all the way at this time of year. George Beaune is flying to Windsor around the 20th to spend a few days with his mother. Apart from these two, I don't think any of the rest of us will be moving during the Christmas vacation, except to go to Edmonton on December 28th for our 150th celebration. Peter Swan has arranged the day in such a way that discussion for the Chapter will take up most of the morning and some of the afternoon. I am slated to lead a discussion on poverty — that ever-recurring subject which, like the poor themselves, we always have with us, it seems. Have you any suggestions.

Not so long ago on going through some books which my sister, Anne in Lindsay, had kept many years for me I came across my diary for 1944, 1945, 1946, my novitiate year and the first year at St. Basil's Seminary (21 St. Mary Street). It was written in 4 little booklets of various sizes, so I asked the secretary here to type it up on standard sized paper in her spare time. She has just finished it, but I yet have to go through it and correct the words she was unable to read. Would you be interested in a copy? Ir runs to about 100 pages roughly.

I am keeping up the journal here, two pages a day which Alf [de Valk] says is far too much. He is probably thinking of shelf space, since I promised him I would leave the manuscript here at St. Thomas More if I ever leave. He can see already that it will amount to one fat volume per year, much of which isirrevelant to the life of the college.

Best wishes for a holy and happy Christmas.

Kevin.

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Kevin J. Kirley
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Sunday 31 December 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

My typewriter ribbon has a twist in it (a loop flipped off the spool when it had badly rolled on one side) so I may have to finish this letter in pen. So far it is managing to file by the hammers.

Thank you so much for the last letter and the notes on poverty. They were a big help, and your own remarks came in handy too. I did not know about T[erence] P[atrick] M[cLaughlin] refusing to be censor for Fr. [Daniel] Dillon's pamphlet, for example, and Fr. V.L. Kennedy's judgment gave me an opportunity to compare Fr. [Francis] Forster's original words with what I could remember from my own training.

I reread Fr. [Charles] Roume's book before the Edmonton conference, with an eye to the spirit of poverty among the early Basilians, and the problems with money. That may be what influenced me to make the second reflection which you see on the accompanying sheets. I also went through Perfectae Caritatis and Evangelica Testificatio carefully, as well as the recent Basilian papers and statements on poverty. As you can see, I did not use much of this material. The agenda called on me "to lead a discussion on poverty", so I did not want to burden the confreres with a long paper. These two reflections under the title of "The Paradox of the Poor" along with the pre-chapter convention document on Poverty, which itself asks a number

of questions, supplied enough material for an exchange of ideas. I was surprised that my mention of law did not come in for more fire, it being quite an unacceptable word in this day and age. Maybe it was just politely ignored.

The only other written document at the meeting in Edmonton was Ralph O'Loughlin's homily, but he did not have any copies of it. He promised me he would send one to Wally Platt when he got back to Lethbridge to run some off. Oh yes, there was a caustic letter from Fr. [Michael] Oliver, telling us all that he did not come because he thought such an occasion should be marked with "sing-songs" and "good cheer" rather than discussions. I was unable to get hold of the manuscript, and there seemed to be some reluctance among the confreres, particularly Pender [Russell A. Pendergast] about it going into the records. But it is a masterpiece of composition.

A holy & prosperous New Year,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

P.S. My heart must still be in Toronto. Today after the 11 a.m. Mass, in a surge of good will, I announced to the people in our chapel, "On behalf of the staff and faculty of St. Michael's (!) ... St. Thomas More College, I wish you a holy and happy New Year. Then I crept out of the sanctuary, feeling about 3" tall.

Enclosure: <u>The Paradox of the Poor</u>

If deprivation has any place in the notion of evangelical poverty (Jesus said 'the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head') then it would seem that our Community today is living in dire poverty in one very important area: it is being deprived of young people. We have lost many of our scholastics, and we are admitting significantly few. In this respect our future is insecure, and insecurity if characteristic of poverty because it makes the insecure dependent on someone else.

While we lament any fault or failing there may be on our part for this state of affairs, we also rejoice in the Lord, because he has shown us quite clearly that we depend on Him. "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." It was nice to think a few years back that we were attracting great numbers of young people; we took a certain pride in our work, and we built houses of studies with confidence for the future. Now these houses, either stand empty or have other occupants. I don't know what more effective way God could have chosen to show us that it is all His work, not ours. We have been literally thrown back on the Lord, whether we like it or not, and He is going to do it His way.

This is good, but naturally we wonder where we fit into His plan, how He is going to use us. And how, by the way, does this tie in with religious poverty, which is the subject of our discussion this morning?

It seems to me that now, as perhaps we have not had for some years, we, the remnant Basilian community, have a golden opportunity to reconsider what it means to live like Jesus Christ.

It would be too bad if, finsing ourselves poor indeed as far as new blood is concerned, we spent our time wondering and worrying about what we were going to do with our money, how best to spend it and how best to provide for our final days on earth. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well." Now is the time for us to put our house in order, what is left of it, I mean to work out a harmony between our real state as a community, that is an ageing community, and the way we live as religious, as intimate disciples of the Lord. Now is the time for us to realize again, if we have tended to forget it, that we find our riches in God, and it is those riches which we are privileged to distribute to our students, to our parishioners, to all with whom we work or who call on us for help.

By foregoing certain things usually connected with success in the world, we free ourselves to do the work of the Lord and to witness to His kingdom, which has a different set of values. This does not mean that we consider these things bad or that we must develop a negative attitude towards the material things of this world, not at all; it simply means that, mutatis mutandis, like the first apostles, we leave all things to follow Christ. If we can agree on this basic all-important principle, then the question of salaries, budgets, possessions can somehow be worked out.

May I share one other reflection with you, which I think has its importance too? (Brace yourselves, because I am going to make a pitch for law here!) When certain laws, called Constitutions,

were approved for various religious communities, it was usually made quite clear that these laws bound all the members of that community. I agree that this must be said. This particular corpus of laws represents the best manner of regulating the corporate life of this particular group of men, given their apostolate in a patricular era, and it best protects the members from the whims of an unsteady superior. From that we tended to conclude that all the members of a congregation should live up to those laws or Constitutions in exactly the same way. Is this a realistic conclusion?

In those aspects of religious life which tend to be controversial, and poverty would appear to be a case in point, in every group of religious, opinions range from the strict, through the flexible to the lax. There is the whole spectrum. So it is not just the temperamental superior, rare today, granted, who can be a cause of anxiety in any domus formata, it is the man or men at either end of the spectrum. It can happen that the man or men who live very ascetical lives sometimes become deeply concerned by the man or men who take more liberties with the law, and vice versa. If tension builds up, as it can over a period of years, those at either ends may endeavour to win sympathizers among those in the middle in an attempt to say "This is the way we should be living." That such a situation should exist in a religious house is, I believe, normal enough, but what is not normal is that the men at either extreme should try to impose their interpretation of the law on the whole community, either local or general.

My conclusion therefore, more eaisly drawn than acted on is simply this:

- - the law provides the norm
- - the law is an indispensable guarantee of freedom
- - the law is essential to life in common.

But what law? uou ask. The law worked out by the particular religious community in question, taking into consideration the problems of this particular age, subject to the supreme and timeless law of the gospel. It is the task of a community's most representative body: the General Chapter.

To spark discussion, let me ask this: should our General Chapter of 1973 be content to endorse guidelines in the matter of religious poverty such as they are laid down in our Basilian Way of Life? or should it begin to draw up a new and modern set of Constitutions, so that every Basilian may judge for himself where he stands in relation to the norm? or should it simply say that we shall go on as we are in the hope that eventually things will work themselves out?

I ask you.

Kevin J. Kirley, csb, St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, Canada. Given at the Western Canadian celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Basilian Congregation held at St. Joseph's College, Demonton, Alberta, 28 December 1972.

Letter of Father Michael Oliver to the Western Canadian celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Basilian Congregation.

The Catholic Directory of British Columbia
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Dec. 20, 1972.

My dear Fellow Basilians, -

Greetings!

You will readily understand that the handicap of age makes it difficult for me to travel to Edmonton at this time of year. However, I would be glad to make the effort if the occasion were solely for the celebration of our official foundation; to honor the men of that time, and the many great men in our past, who have gone to their reward.

These men spent themselves in the classrooms and in the parishes. They brought respect and prestige to our Community. They inspired and directed many young men to the priesthood for many dioceses, many also to become Basilians and many more to become outstanding Catholic laymen. They brought God's blessing upon us.

To know and recall their achievements should be part of our living tradition. Such a celebration could be a very happy one with a Mass of Thanksgiving with tales retold, with sing-song and good cheer.

But now we have an all day agenda for "discussion". The topic: prayers, poverty, the Pontiac experiment, vocations - seems to indicate that our practice of these in the past was a failure. Whatever weaknesses there were - and there were some - it was a success: it worked. Look at the record.

Obviously there is now a disturbing breakdown.

To parallel G.K. Chesterton's comment re the Christian ideal: Our practices have not been tried and found wanting, they have been found difficult and left untried. Is not this the case in most of our houses?

I have just received a Christmas card from Father Frank Launtrie in which he says in part, "Everyone here is well and working." That strikes me as quite significant.

From the agenda I get the impression that we don't know for sure how to live our life or even what life we should be living.

Of course this is the natural result if we try to run our Community in a strictly democratic way, - endless conferences from the lower to the higher levels, and often hapless consultations from the higher to the lower. The result is a creeping paralysis.

If we are discouraged by our lack of success, we are prone to suspect that it is due to a weakness in our community structure. It is more likely due to our own lack of application to our job, and a lack of prayer asking God's blessing on our work.

Re. the "hang-ups" which are disturbing some and already have disturbed others to the point of extinction as Basilians, why not try a quiet holy hour on that passage of the Nicene Creed: we believe in <u>one</u>, <u>holy</u>, <u>Catholic</u> and <u>Apostolic</u> Church?

Applying this to ourselves and to our Community are we really any one of these to anywhere near to our potential? I confess I am not.

If we really were and if we had a greater appreciation of the Sacrifice of the Mass in our life and the role of our Blessed Lady in our prayers, I am sure we would be more zealous for the salvation of souls. We would have little time or taste for all these conferences and discussions.

Recently I read some pessimistic accounts of certain groups of priests who are infected in part at least by views condemned in 1907 by Pius X. Some of these men have already left the Church; others remain within regardless of what St. Pius said, and of what Pope Paul, the present head of the Church says.

Evidence? See the inside front cover of the January missalette or the Preamble of the "approved medical-moral guide for Catholic hospitals."

Such conduct reminds me of a practice I sometimes saw as a youngster. The usual way of killing a chicken at that time was to cut off its head with a hatchet or an axe. Strange to say that when released, the chicken would run about aimlessly, but not for long.

Let us hope and pray that we Basilians will not ignore the decrees and directions of our spiritual chief, the Pope and by cutting off our own head, suffer the fate of the headless chicken.

Happy New Year to you all!

Fraternally yours in Christ,
M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

(Transcribed from: the original of Father Kirley's letter and from xerox copies of his talk and Father Oliver's letter, bound in a collection of Basilian documents in Father Scollard's possession)

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Tuesday 13 February 1973

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you so much for the excellent article on Fr. [Leonard] Rush from the Toronto Star. I pinned it on our bulletin board and everyone enjoyed it very much. I think it is quite well done, it catches some of Leonard's wit and that touch of méchanceté, which makes us all chuckle.

By the way, what is the exact date of his ordination? We would like to send him a word from here, but no one seems to know just when would be the approrpriate time. Alf [de Valk] is thinking of devoting a special issue of the Chelsea Bulletin to the occasion, and may draw heavily on the Star article. He may or may not send Fr. Rush a copy; our poor bulletin is so ragged in appearance no one would feel very flattered being written up in it. But it must be one of the only college publications which can boast of absolutely no budget.

Thank you for the news about the other jubilarians too, and for the anecdote about Rufert [Massales]. Just getting into St. Basil's College is a feat in itself, and into St. Michael's too for that matter. Oscar [Regan] and I found oursleves locked ou of both places in January, and might have had to spend the night in the hotel, had not a scholastic come along from some do at the University. I breathed a sigh of relief when I saw him: scholastics always have keys.

I hope you are not bored to tears by the indexing of my journal. May I ask just how you do it, and the extent to which you consider things important enough to have an entry. You see, I was thinking of indexing the current volume myself, bit by bit as the secretary hands me back the typsed sheets, and I would like it to be roughly similar to yours. Jim Kelly told me the other day that he has begun a journal so the idea may be catching on. Jim doesn't intend to make daily entries, but hopes to write in it farily frequently.

I have signed up for two courses in the university department of French for next year: that will mean more work, but I like having fair-sized classes because I can get to know more people. It is very hard to get to know anyone if you do not teach.

28 below this morning in Saskatoon. At last we're getting some winter weather.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

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June 22, 1972

Dear Father Scollard -

Many thanks for Volume I of Basilian Historical Bulletins. It will provide a ready reference to Community documents & publications. Keep up the good work.

Next Monday I plan to go to Strawberry Island for a few weeks of sun, air, water and fish. I'm looking forward to seeing you there to celebrate the golden jubilee of Basilian occupation. Let me know the date of your expected arrival, and we'll get out the red carpet.

I have just returned from Villa Maria where I visited Fr. [Edward] Allor. He seems to be gradually getting thinner and paler. However, he continues to be quite sharp at Gin Rummy. He beat me today. That makes him Champion pro tem.

The people at 350 Huron Church Road have been enjoying the salubrious Sun Parlour weather and the savory Petite Côte radishes.

So long for now. See you at the Island.

Sincerely,

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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Assumption Church
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October 13, 1972

Dear Father Scollard -

Many thanks for annual report of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association. It appears that your persistent efforts are beginning to bear fruite.

I can't see my way clear to attend the annual meeting in Toronto next Saturday. October, the month of the Rosary, is a very busy time in the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption.

Yours sincerely,

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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John R. Lee
January 27, 1972

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27 Jan / 72

Dear Bob,

I ran across this article in a French magazine with a picture of Cardinal Flahiff in a group at the recent Synod, and thought you might like to have it for the archives. I include the whole asticle so that you can get the context. You may even want to read the whole thing to practice your journalistic French. I am busy gathering material for a thesis in archaeology, and hope that all continues to progress.

I would like to get to visit Annonay once again some time while I am over here, but have no particular plans at the moment. Spring will be here in six weeks or so, a wonderful time to be in the Holy Land - wild flowers in the hills and through the desert. Maybe it is the contrast of the fresh green after six months of dessication that creates the feeling. Anyway, I look forward to it. Terry Forestell can tell you what a Jerusalem winter is like, though we do have spells of beautiful weather. Today it is cool, but brightly sunny, and I can hear the birds singing in our garden. Can Toronto offer so much.

My regards to all the confreres in the vicinity. I would enjoy hearing from you any time you get the time. Are you planning any publishing of Basiliana in the near future? Keep at it.

Regards in Xto, Jack Lee.

John R. Lee
December 5, 1972

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5 December, 1972

Dear Bob,

While I have three or four letters which I should write at the moment, it is a pleasure to be able to produce one which doesn't take a lot of preparation in order to say just the exact thing I want to say so that I get the proper information in return -- in short, one connected with my thesis. I am not completely at home at the typewriter, but this just might be my day to make it without having to make a final copy, having made a mess of the first draft. Anyhow, let's try it.

This was truly a great day for letters. I got two from members of my family, and one from you. The family is busy telling me all about their Thanksgiving dinner together, and congratulating me on sending them a long seven (!!) page communique for them to read whenever every one was assembled. Your was equally welcome, as coming from a member of my religious family. I have been getting Wally's [Platt] Newsletters regularly, but [it] is nice to get some of the more informal news from over Toronto way. The last Newsletter I found very interesting (the early Basilian history) especially since I have visited there where we all began. I still remember Wally's tour with me on that occasion to the Basilian "shrines"of the Ardèche. I would like to be able to get back there again one of these years. I await the publication of the

translation of Fr. [Charles] Roume's book, although my thesis work has taught me enough French to handle the original (I think). Are you doing any writing yourself? Or was the Newsletter one of your productions?

Thanks for your words of encouragement on the writing. I have been asked for another article (or two), and will try to oblige, if I can manage it. I already have more than enough material. Incidentally, if you want a copy for your records, let me know, and I shall send you one. I had something published two years ago by the New York State Archaeological Association, and editing (and rewrite) job of some papers of an aged local historian in Rochester on the subject of the early French mission period in the Great Lakes region. In case you don't have the reference, it is: French Pioneers in the Eastern Great Lakes Area, 1609-1791 by Alexander M. Stewart; Edited, with an Introductory Memoir of the author, by Rev. John R. Lee, c.s.b., in Occasional Papers of the N.Y. State Archaeological Association, Number 3; published by the N.Y. State Archaeological Association, Rochester, N.Y. It is available through the Rochester Museum, East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14607, Price $2.25. I have no idea as to its still being in print, or not. (It would be flattering to hear that it is out of print, but annoying to my many fans). Mr. Stewart's papers and books on the missions were given to me to present to the [St. John] Fisher College Library by

(Letter now typed on back of sheet of airmail paper: Bob - I hope you can read this, if you get just the right light - I haven't time to do it over)

(I never have learned to tell when the end of the paper is approaching. Is this a secret only secretaries know?)

But to continue ---

I was saying that Mrs. Stewart gave the Stewart papers to Fisher before I left there back in the late Fifties - 1958, I think. Some day I may get back there to write some more of that material up for publication .... who knows?

I am busy working on my thesis on the proto-historic archaeology of the Lower Jordan Valley. I am hoping to finish it this year, get back to teaching in the fall, and thereafter work on the Hewbrew language requirement to finish my degree. They are holding my position open at Windsor, so I want to get back as soon as possible.

It is tremendously interesting to be living here in the Mid-East, "where the action is", so to speak; I just wish [President Richard] Nixon would send word to Golda Meir to "cool it" and start to think seriously, to quit the nonsense, and start making peace.

I understand that Mike Sheehan was off on a dig with Michael Gough in Turkey last summer. I am sure that he enjoyed it. I took a vacation in Turkey two years ago, and found it to be an archaeological gold-mine. I visited one of the Gough sites at the Monastery of Alaham, of the Byzantine period. I guess you remember when I visited Caesarea in Cappadocia. (Caesarea Maritima "in Palestina" is an hour or so from here, famous for the visit of St. Paul.)

I am enclosing something that was published in a Jesuit annual that concerns Andy Maloney. The

photo is not labelled, but he is pictured as a member of the faculty at the Jesuit (New England Ptovince) college in Baghdad befofe the Jesuits were "relieved" of the responsibility by the government. I notice that Andy's name is missing from the Directory this year. Is there a story behind this?

The Community is involved in another General Chapter, and another which is described as of crucial importance, a now familiar description of such events. The House Evaluation idea sounds good as a preparation by the whole community.

Your weather there must be uniformly miserable there in Toronto. I'll take Jerusalem any day. Since the winter started we have had only three or four poor days of rain, and the temperature reached 5 degrees centigrade (45 degrees fahrenheit), but today is sunny and in the 60's F. --- altogether pleasant, and somewhat typical for this time of the year. The Old City, which I can see from my window is bathed in sunlight.

Give my regards to Terry Forestell. I have run into a number of people who studied with him, either here or in Rome. Tell him that Jim Kelly, an OSB from Elmira (N.Y.) Monastery who was with him in Scripture is now spending a year with us in study. My regards to anyone else I may know there, especially Leonard Rush. Sorry to hear of his deteriorating condition. I think I am getting to the end of this page, so I had better quit for now. Stay well, and remember my intentions, especially the thesis. Thanks again for your communications. I appreciate it. I include

an article on Toronto sent me from home, which might make you swell with pride of a sort.

In Xto & St. Basil,

Jack Lee

P.S. MERRY CHRISTMAS! We will spend the Eve at Bethlehem, as usual.

(Transcribed from the original, as was the letter of January 27th, and both deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

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le 5.9.72

Cher Père

Merci pour votre gent. PP.- carte, qui a été une heureuse surprise.

Ci-joint, vous trouverez documentation et photo de notre ancienne maison le Noviciat à FEYZIN que m'adresse aujourd'hui la propriétaire actuelle, Madame Jourdan.

Une raison le plus pour que vous décidez votre voyage en France! Le bien de la Communauté exige certainement ce sacrifice de votre part; osez l'affronter!

Mon bonjour à tous les confrères.

En toute amitié

Marcel L, C.S.B.

(Transcribed from the original, pasted in vol. 58 of Father Scollard's Notes on the History of the Congregation of Priests of St. Basil, author's copy)

Thomas A. MacDonald 164
August 9, 1972

Dear Bob:-

I thank you for the news of Fr. [Peter] Sheehan's condition and when the report of his death came it was not a surprise. My nephew was in Maine at the time and when I got the report of his death it was too late. Under his condition he is better off. I have had three calls already from Toronto about manouvering and I advised the [Newman] Foundation Executive and Fr. [Robert] Madden that I would return August 25th. The Good Lord being willing.

I got your card from Windsor and it is a good job for [John] Glavin and [Vincent] Kennedy that you are around. It is wonderful what faith they have on the road.

Judge Dunlpp and his wife stayed with me for three days while on their way to Halifax to register their last son in St. Mary's. They would not take him [the University of] Toronto. The Judge added much to the natives enjoyment down here and ended by giving the pastor a cheque for $500.oo. He received a strong invitation to return next summer.

The weather has been cool and lots of rain. The heat is usually on when I get up in the morning. It is sure beautiful today. Frs. [Daniel] Burns, Vince Reingsborough and Big Moe [Peirce] have stayed with me. Moe has not changed. The diocesan clergy are here regularly and many come fully prepared. The pastor here is a grand cook and visits daily. You can have your steaks as rare as you wish. I am now looking forward to [John] Mullins etc. If you can get this way you are welcome.

Yours in Christ, T.A. MacDonald, CSB

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November 25/71

Dear Fr. Scollard:

I returned to Studbury from Houston with dozen or so pamphlets "Saint Anne's Church" which Jack Madden asked me to deliver to you. I will do that in person on Dec. 5. If that date is too late I'll mail them upon word from you. My first real visit to Houston, a visitation of Parish [St. Anne's] & High School [St. Thomas] was very enjoyable. You'd love the sunny 80 degrees - much more than I. I was there for one day in 1966, for their regional meeting. I enjoyed one week this time including their one day meeting. Still not enough time to visit the old mission territory. I guess I'll just have to go again.

My first visit ever to Mexico was a real treat. I spent only two days there and saw little because the meetings went one and a half days. I did see the Shrine [of Our Lady of Guadalupe], the Cathedral and the Museum of Natural History. I was really impressed by the people most of all and by the excellent job our Basilians are doing. They, I would say, are a model for Latin America. I'll have to go again though to do justice to our missions. Do you think I am rationalizing?

I was sorry to miss the Owen Sound Anniversary - when is the next big one? I guess next year we will all be celebrating and your histories will be in great demand. Maybe you should offer a summer course in Basilian History as a project.

My return north signalled a general deterioration in the weather in Toronto and now in Sudbury. The long warm spell has given way here to a, presumably, long cold winter.

Hope to be in Toronto more after Christmas. My committments here plus regional meetings and visitations are taking all my time these days. Hope all goes well. See you next weekend.

In Christ

Ted

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John F. Madden
November 10, 1971

University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006
713-522-7911

November 10

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Bill Sheehan tells me that you did not received a copy of the booklet on St. Anne's. I thought that the secretaries in the rectory were looking after this, but apparently they did not.

All the best.

Yours in Our Lord,

Jack Madden

P.S. I do hope that Fr. [John] Glavin got copies. Fr. [Francis] Monaghan said he would mail some to him. If he wants more, please let me know.

(Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

John F. Madden
December 19, 1971

St. Anne's Church
2140 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77006

December 19, 1971

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for the kind letter; I am glad that the booklets arrived all right. And thank you for the news bits; without your thoughtful reports we'd hear very little down here.

In response to your remarks about the "historical" dimension of our parishes, I have decided to get together a full history of this parish in preparation for its fiftieth anniversary, in 1975. I have only just spoken to Fran [Monaghan] of it, and have made no steps to canvass the various sources available. I am starting a file of "ideas"; if you have a spare moment or two I'd appreciate some advice on areas that I should tap; I want it to be readable by the layman, yet based on sound research into available records.

All the best; say hello to the unwilling Jubilarian [Father John Glavin] for me.

Yours in Our Lord,

Jack Madden

(Transcribed from the original, placed in Vol. 8 of a collection of Basilian Pamphlets in the possession of Father Scollard)

Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)

le April 9, 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

I wish to offer my sympathy to you on the death of your brother. I have remembered him at Mass and will do so this month.

Jim Farge is visiting us this weekend. Bernard Buisson returned to Paris with Michel Deglène yesterday. I had an enjoyable day Wednesday last when with Fr. [Marcel] Lextrait and Tiollier we visited Frs. [Félix] Pouzol, [Georges] Reynouard and Lucien Brot who were spedning some time at St. Alban-sous-Sampzon.

With best regards

Yours sincerely in Our Lord

Paul Mallon

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Paul J. Meloche 170
1972

Dear Fr. Scollard,

The Rocheleau-Meloche families thank you for offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for my mother. She had been battling cancer for five years. She never admitted that she suffered but ??? She had been in and out of the hospital at least three times during those five years - operations & treatments. This last time, she asked to go - a sure sign that things were not going well. I went home and she died four days after I'd arrived. She passed away quietly and peacefully which was really the story of her life. Now we know that she is enjoying the peace and joy that is promised to "those who love HIM".

Your work sounds very interesting and challenging. We had just received a copy of the Basilian Historical Bulletin. Right now it is circulating around. It hasn't reached me yet. Such a publication could only be a true "Scollard production". I know that all Basilians are as grateful to you as I am.

Sincerely

Paul

(Transcribed from the original, placed in an interleaved copy of the Basilian Historical Bulletin in Father Scollard's possession)

St. Anne's Church
2140 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77006

May 8, 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for your highly informative letter. It was a real joy to hear from you. It was like old times hearing the details. Most of the time we get some general facts and then are left to wonder.

Thanks also for the clipping about Healy Willan. One of Canada's greatest. Time will prove me right.

Fr. [Leonard] Rush is with us. He claims he is leaving Thursday for Toronto. He has been leaving for the last two months. Somehow he manages to postpone the exit. He is really failing. He has a wedding in Montreal May 28th so I guess he will be going soon.

I cannot believe that June 22 I will be a priest 25 years. They are planning a Mass here on June 18 followed by a parish reception. Then that night a small dinner at the Country Club where guests will pay their own -- "Dutch Treat Supper."

Jack Madden leaves toward the end of the month for his vacation. Then to Notre Dame for the Charismatic renewal convention then back here. He will go to Detroit - St. Anne's to preach the annual novena there. Fr. James Embser will preach ours. He is enthusiastic about it so we are glad to have him.

Take good care of yourself. Thanks for all you have done for me thru the years. You are a real confreres. You are in my prayers and Masses.
As ever in Christ, Francis E. Monaghan, C.S.B.

St. Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77006
February 14, 1973

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your note which was most welcome, not only by me but all in the household -- especially the excellent writeup on Ff. [Leonard] Rush. This was a real treat. I am glad for his sake that he got that moment of glory.

We are having our general visitation. Jim Hanrahan is the Visitor. We have had Fr. [E.J.] McCorkell but he has gone to Florida to visit Gordon Taylor. Fr. Wilfrid Dwyer is also here. He and John Robbins are great friends. They were together in Ottawa. Fr. Dwyer has been sick with the flu since he arrived.

Fr. Frank Burns is with us for the winter. He is a real asset. He helps nearly every day. Takes his turn preaching, etc. He is a lovely gentleman and adds to the house immensely.

We have had unusual weather for our many visitors. We have had snow twice this month. I was in Tulsa for the consecration of the new Bishop [Bernard J. Ganter] our former chancellor. There we also had snow and ice. Plenty of rain. I was glad to get back here.

You are the only one who has not been down. Don't you have to inspect our archives again? That role is dynamic -- on going -- developmental. Surely some changes have been made since your last trip.

I hope you are well. Keep us all in your prayers. Give a special hello to Frs. [John] Glavin, [Francis] Lyons, [Leonard] Rush and Dake Batty.

As always,

F. Monaghan, CSB

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J. Stanley Murphy 174
July 4, 1972

Christian Culture Series
Christian Culture Series Foundation
Assumption University
University of Windsor - Windsor, Ontario

July 4/72

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the historical book, a tribute to your diligent perseverance, and also for your letter.

Re the Assumption Review, it is scandalous that no set of the issues seems to exist around here. Neiether VLK [Father Vincent Kennedy] nor E.C.L. [Father Carlisle LeBel] (both visiting here) have ever seen a copy. Nig may ask Msgr. John Rooney if he knows anyon who has copies.

Why not pen a brief note to the Correspondence Columns of Mich. Catholic and to the Canadian Register?

Is Msgr. Hillenmeyer of Ft. Thomas, Ky., still alive? Some of these old libraries of ancient (alumni) might have copies.

Will be at the Island (July 10 - July 28).

Thanks again,

In Christo,

Stan.

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Michael J. Oliver 175
1971

St. Vincent's Hospital
749 - W 33 Ave.
Vancouver 13, B.C.

Father Scollard.-

I saw in an English story recently what might be the origin of your name. One of the characters in a cockney dialect says: "I am no 'Scollard'."

In my memories of home I don't think I told you of a big buff-cochin rooster we had that used to parade between the rows of potatoes and eat the potato-bugs.

You say you want something re the novitiate and scholasticate; right? Anything particular in mind?

——— MJO

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Michael J. Oliver
October 1, 1971

St. Vincent's Hospital
749 West 33rd Avenue
Vancouver 13, B.C.
876-7171

Oct. 1, 1971

Dear Father Scollard,-

Many thanks for yours of Sept. 28.

I phoned Miss N. Costellor this morning. I asked her to write re. Fr. [Laurence] Brenna & Fr. [M.V.] Kelly. I also added the name of Fr. E[dmund] Murray. She says she will try. She did not know Fr. Kelly well.

Re. the Canadian Catholic Historical Association. If you send me appeal for membership, its purpose, officers, fees, etc., I think I can have it distributed to the two Guilds. I should have it by the end of October. I could multigraph it here and enclose it with the 1972 Directory. At most the cost to you would be the multigraphying and probably I could get that done without charge.

The Directory copy is coming well. The next few weeks will be quite busy proofreading.

As you may know Sept. 18 was the 57th an[niversary] of [my] ordination. Healthwise God is still good to me.

Kind regards to the old boys and keep up the news in your letters.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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Michael J. Oliver
November 9, 1971

749 - W 33 Ave. Van. 13
The Catholic Directory
of
British Columbia

Nov. 9, 1971

Dear Father Bob.-

Your welcome letter of yesterday arrived this morning.

I shall enclose the Canadian Catholic Historical Association leaflet as requested. However, I have put an ad. in the Directory which I think you will like. No charge - unless your assets overflow because of it. Perhaps you can sell some copies to help.

Re. the Block "One of Them". I haven't the answer. My guess is that it was inspired and published by M.V. Kelly. As you know he was stationed at Owen Sound for a while. He was partial to the Block. There was an old boy there who was an outstanding character. I met him on one of my weekend trips years before I was pastor there. His name escapes me. There should be someone who could help you - in Owen Sound or the Block.

I have been invited by a Centennial Committee to the Owen Sound celebration November 21st. In Vancouver we are poor. Standby plane fare: 89 x 2 - $178.00, but no cheque enclosed. Moreover the invitation did not come from the Pastor. - Thank you!

Your letters are almost the only link I have with the eastern Basilians.

May you live long and die happy!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

M.J.O.

P.S. You might compare "One of Them" and some of M.V's [Kelly] other writings, e.g. "Some Fell Among Thorns" for style.

MJO.

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St. Vincent's Hospital
749 - W 33 Ave.
Vancouver 13, B.C.
Nov. 13, 1971

Dear Father Bob.-

Thanks for yours of Nov. 8.

The Canadian Catholic Historical Association leaflets have not yet arrived but they will be in time for inserting in the D's [Directory]. Did I tell you that I have put an ad for your Assn. in the 1972 Directory. Hope you will like it. No charge. If, however, you could sell a dozen or more I would appreciate it. When you read the articles and ventures in verse you may conclude that they are worthy.

You might pass on or phone Fr. Frank Mallon re-enclosed ad.; also the enclosed note to Fr. G. McGuigan. Am not sure of his address.

One more request to the Basilian historian - when did the [curial] tax start and how [when] did it increase. Re. the latter part my guess is: 300.00 - 500.00 - 1200.00.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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Michael J. Oliver
March 1, 1972

749 - W 33 Ave
The Catholic Directory
of
British Columbia
Vancouver 13, B.C.

March 1, 1972

Dear Father Scollard.-

Many thanks for your latest letter. They are always newsy and welcome. The enclosed cheque is for the Seminary. It is from stipends of second Masses said on Sundays.

Would you have time for the following:

1) find a copy or two of Fr.[Henry] Carr's Heart of the Matter # XIX The Mystery that is the Mass.

2) The same for # XXVIII: What takes place at Mass

3) The same for # XVII What to Do at Mass, and the date of # XVII.

I have copies of 1) & 2) but 3) is not in a finished state, though more extensive than the completed edition. There may be duplicate copies of above at St. Mark's but so buried in storage that I haven't the energy to find them. I don't want you to send them to me but would like to know if and where they are. Am thinking seriously of publishing 2) or 3) or both together. From revenue of the Directory I could manage it financially. I would have to get a good publishing House to sell it.

Have a talk with Fr. [E.J.] McCorkell and with Fr. [Bernard] Black at the Library. See Fr. [Joseph] Wey also for permission though a

decision to undertake it or not is still some distance away.

Hope to have your Catholic Hisotrical leaflets out in the near future.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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Michael J. Oliver
September 19, 1972

749 - W 33 Ave
The Catholic Directory
of
British Columbia
Vancouver 13, B.C.

Sept. 19, 1972

Dear Father Robert. -

When I was in Toronto recently I could not discover how many copies of the Question and the Answer were still unsold.

I appealed to you. As yet no answer. Again I ask - urgently.

Had a visit on Sunday with Desmond Kennedy and wife. Taught him Latin at St. Michael's College in 1922. He is now retired living at Ottawa. Was a grad in Mathematics and Physics and worked for the Federal Government.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

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Michael J. Oliver
November 15, 1972

749 - W 33 Ave
The Catholic Directory
of
British Columbia
Vancouver 13, B.C.

Nov. 15, 1972.

Dear Father Bob.-

The enclosed cheque ($20.00) is for the Seminary - second Mass stipends on Sundays.

Pleased to report that the 1973 Directory is now with the printer. This is number 13 and it may be the last under present management. Here is an opening for a young fellow. Sned him out to beautiful B.C.

Let me have your verdict on the '73 edition after you have seen it. We are getting 3500 this time, 1000 more than in '72. Hope to see your private newsletter soon.

Fraternally yours in Christ

MJO

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Michael J. Oliver
November 27, 1972

749 - W 33 Ave.
The Catholic Directory
of
British Columbia
Vancouver 13, B.C.

Nov. 27, 1972

Dear Father Bob.-

Thanks for your newsy letter.

The Serra Club sent complimentary copies of the "Question and the Answer" to all pastors of this diocese. The first 2 replies this morning ask for: 1) 20 copies and 2) 200 copies.

I have enough here for the first (20) but would would you be kind enough to have the Basilian Press send 200 copies to the enclosed address.

(Enclosed address: Reverend O. Sorel
8808 Montcalm St.
Vancouver 14, B.C.)

Please ask them also to send me 100 copies to the above address. Aske them to let me know the cost of carriage and I'll send it to them. The booklets are somewhere at the Seminary. When I was there in August I could not find them. I don't owe the Press anything for the booklets themselves but ask them to let me know if I am indebted to them re postage, etc.

Strike while the iron is hot. I expect some further orders and would like to have prompt delivery. Am depending on you to get it.

Regards to all the brethren.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

P.S. Your brochure re early Basilian days refers to a Major Polly who became a Basilian. A Loretto nun here in Vancouver is Sister Polly. She was a patient in St. Vincent's [Hospital] for a while. I showed her the brochure. She got quite a thrill since her family roots go back to France. - MJO

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St. Vincent's Hospital
749 W. 33rd Avenue
Vancouver 13, B.C.

Feb. 28, 1973

Dear Father Bob.-

Many thanks for your letter of Feb. 28.

When I was at St. Mary's, Owen Sound, I used to see the Melady family at Sauble [Beach] during the summer. Of course I knew Tom long before when he was an undergrad and helped with the teaching in the H.S. [St. Michael's College School] He was a great pal of Si[mon] Perdue.

Father Richard Ramirez is visiting at St. Mark's. I expect to have dinner with him there this evening.

You will be pleased to hear that I have an appointment this afternoon with the manager of Broadway Printers when I am to make the final payment on the 1973 Directory - in all about $3800.00

Last Monday there was an Italian dinner at St. Anthony's where I help on Sundays. Father [Robert] Finn and I were there. Now I know why so many of the Italian men and women too are so stout.

Give my best to all the members at the Infirmary especially Fr. [Leonard] Rush. Kind regards also to Frs. [E.J.] McCorkell, [E.C.] LeBel and [Basil] Sullivan when you see them.

Enclosed brings me to date re. second Masses on Sundays.

Fraternally yours in Christ

M.J. Oliver CSB.

P.S. Here's a project for you.

Miss M. Nazer, The Town Library at Georgetown, Ont., is writing the story of Marylake [School] There is one item which should be in it: an ad. for a school teacher which appeared in the Register when the school there was started. The year? Consult the records of the Department of Education. The ad would probably be in one of the July or August issues. Father Si[mon] Perdue told me the most important factors for a woman teacher were good looks and a pleasant voice. To secure the rural outlook I added that "she would be willing to marry a farmer." Hope you will be able to give her a copy of the ad. The time would be in the early '30's.

MJO.

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 31 décembre 1971

Cher Père:

Je vous remercie de vos bons voeux de Noël et je vous offre les miens pour cette nouvelle année. J'ai bien reçu aussi la publication sur le noviciat et je vous en remercie. Pour le travail que vous projetez, je ne pourrai vous fournir que quelques indications; encore les avez-vous peut-être déjà: les prières ayant peu varié, je pense, depuis les origines.

J'ai comparé donc la pirère du matin du Vademecum avec la prière telle qu'elle se faisait en 1924 quand je suis entré au petit séminaire Saint-Charles à Annonay, tenu alors par les Basiliens, et telle que je l'ai retrouvée à la Maison Saint-Joseph devenue le scolasticat en 1929. Voici les rapports que j'ai constatés.

La prière était celle en usage depuis sans doute bien longtemps dans le diocèse de Viviers. J'ai retrouvé une édition de 1914, mais elle devoit reproduire une édition antèrieure.

Après la glorification de la T.Ste. Trinité, comme dans le Vademecum, viennent les actes d'adoration, de foi, d'espérance, de charité, de remerciement et d'offrande. Leas actes d'adoration et de remerciement sont identiques à l'exception d'une petite précision dans le Vademecum pour l'acte de remerciement, "Mon Dieu je vous remercie ... de m'avoir fait chrétien (prière de Viviers) ... for having brought me up in the bosom of the Holy Catholic Church.

Les actes de foi, d'espérance, de charité ont une formule plus simple que dans le Vademecum. Voyez.

Acte de foi: Mon Dieu, je crois fermement toutes les vérités que vous avez révélées et enseignées par votre sainte église, parce que vous ne pouvez ni être trompé, ni nous tromper.

Acte d'espérance: Mon Dieu, j'espère de votre divine bonté, par les mérites de Notre Seigneur Jésus-Christ, votre sainte grâce en ce monde, et la gloire du Paradis en l'autre, parce que vous me l'avez promis et que vous êtes souverainement fidèle dans vos promesses.

Acte de charité: Mon Dieu, je vous aime de tout mon coeur, parce que vous êtes infiniment bonet infiniment aimable; et j'aime mon prochain comme moi-même, pour l'amour de vous.

L'Acte d'offrande était alors tout différent:

Je me donne à vous, O Mon Dieu! et je vous offre toutes mes pensées, toutes mes paroles, toutes mes actions et toutes mes peines de ce jour; je veux qu'elles soient toutes pour votre honneur et votre gloire.

Pas d'acte de contrition mais une préparation à la journée. Après l'acte d'offrande on ajoutait:

Pensons ici aux fautes dans lesquelles nous pourrions tomber aujourd'hui, et surtout à celles que nous avons l'habitude de commettre; prévoyons-en les occasions, afin de les éviter.

(suivait une courte pause puis -)

Acte de ferme propos: Je me propose, O Mon Dieu! moyennant votre sainte grâce, de garder plus fidèlement que jamais vos saints commandements, et d'éviter toutes sortes de péchés, particulièrement ceux auxquels j'ai le plus d'inclination.

Acte de demande: Mon Dieu, daignez m'assister aujourd'hui dans tous mes besoins; préservez-moi de tout péché et de tout fâcheux accident. O Mon Dieu! accordez-moi cette faveur, par les mérites de Notre Seigneur, par l'intercession de la très sainte Vierge, de tous les anges et de tous les saints.

Suivait alors une invitation à prier pour l'Eglise, le pape, etc., telle qu'elle se trouve dans le Vademecum à la prière du soir - page 16, édition de 1964.

Suivaient ensuite le Notre Père, le je vous salue Marie, le je crois en Dieu, le je confesse à Dieu.

On récitait les litanies du Saint Nom de Jésus, au moins de temps en temps, sinon tous les jours: mes souvenirs sur ce point ne sont pas assez précis.

Puis la prière au saint ange gardien et celle au saint patron terminaient la prière du matin. L'Angelus se disait à la fin de la méditation.

Pour la prière du soir même dispoistion et mêmes formules que pour la prière du matin, pour le début et les actes d'adoration, de foi, d'espérance et de charité. L'Acte de remerciement était un peu différent et de celui du matin et de celui du Vademecum.

Acte de remerciement: Je vous remercie, O Mon Dieu, de m'avoir créé et mis au monde, de m'avoir racheté et fait chrétien, et de toutes les grâces que j'ai reçues de vous pendant toute ma vie, et particulièrement dans ce jour.

Même prière avant l'examen de conscience, même invitation à examiner sa conscience. Après un moment de silence on disait:

Faisons un acte de contrition, et tâchons de nous mettre au même état où nous voudrons être trouvés à l'heure de notre mort.

Acte de contrition: Mon Dieu, j'ai un grand regret de vous avoir offensé, parce que vous êtes infiniment bon et infiniment aimable, et que le péché vous deplaît; je me propose, moyennant votre saint grâce, de ne plus retomber dans le péché et d'en faire pénitence.

Puis on disait le Je confesse à Dieu.

Puis l'invitation à prier pour l'Eglise, le pape, etc. comme sur le Vade-mecum, avec le Notre Père, le Je vous salue Marie, le Je crois en Dieu, les litanies de la Ste. Vierge.

Suivait le De Profundis.

Ensuite la prière au saint Agne gardien, celle au saint Patron, l'acte d'offrande de son sommeil, l'acte de préparation à la mort dont le sommeil est une image, toute comme sur le Vade-mecum.

Puis l'Angelus, si on ne l'avait pas dit avant souper ce qui arrivait.

Quand le diocèse de Viviers adopta le catéchisme national, des formules des actes de foi, d'espérance, et de charité furent modifiées et se rapprochèrent de celles du Vade-mecum. Vous fixer une date est difficile. J'ai vu une édition de 1939 mais je ne sais si c'est la première. Je pourrai le chercher si ça vous intéresse.

Pour les vocations furent ajoutées les prières suivantes à la fin de cet prière du soir, à la demande de l'Evêque de Viviers: Mon Dieu qui voulez le salut de tous les hommes donnez-nous de saints prêtres et rendez-nous dociles à leur enseignement. Puis les invocations suivantes: Coeur Sacré de Jesus, Reine du Clergé, St. Joseph, père nourrisier de Jesus, St. Vincent, patron du diocèse, St Régis apôtre du Vivarais, St. Curé d'Ars, Saints et Saintes du diocèse de Viviers. (1)

Dans la Communauté je n'ai pas le souvenir qu'on disait les prières pour la communauté - marquées à la page 22 - à la fin de la prière du soir. Par contre on faisait une invocation à St Basile et à St. François d'Assise.

Les prières depuis la guerre ont, au moins pour les élèves de nos maisons beaucoup varié. Le P. [Marcel] Iextrait m'a dit qu'il variait les prières, que les élèves eux-mêmes parfois les préparaient. Je ne puis donc vous donner des précisions sur ce point.

Dans la communauté et dans nos maisons on faisait une neuvaine préparatoire à le fête de la Pente-

(1) Je n'ai pas pu trouver la date, entre les années 1935 et 1939

côte et à celle de l'Immaculée-Conception. Pour cette dernière des images ont encore distribuées avec une prière spéciale, variant chaque année, dans toute le France.

Au moins à une époque, à la prière du soir, pendant le mois de Mars, on remplaçait les litanies de la Ste. Vierge par celles de St. Joseph. Je n'ai pas souvenir d'avoir jamais entendu les litanies de St. Basile que cetains manuels de la Communauté donnaient.

Au petit séminaire St Charles, quand j'étais élève, on récitait publiquement avant la prière du soir deux dizaines de chapelet et on nous invitait à compléter le chapelet en privé. Les allées et venues en silence et en rang dans les longs couloirs le facilitaient.

Dans la communauté, les prières de l'examen particulier étaient aussi celles du Vade mecum, récitées alors en latin. Aussi que le Misère en se rendant à la chapelle après le repas du midi et les prières de la visite au T.S. Sacrement. L'Angelus à midi se disait à la fin de l'examen en particulier. Pendant le temps pascal il était remplacé, bien sûr, par le Regina Coeli.

Voilà, si d'autres détails vous interessaient, j'essaierais de vous renseigner.

Je vous redis mes meilleurs voeux pour cette nouvelle année, avec mes sentiments fraternels en N.S.

Félix Pouzol.

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 2 janvier 1973

Cher Père,

Je vous remercie de votre carte de bonne année et à mon tour je voudrais vous souhaiter une excellente année. Que le Seigneur benisse tous les travaux que vous avez entrepris pour garder aux jeunes générations les souvenirs précieux de notre communauté!

Pour ce qui est de l'article de la Terre Vivaroise paru à l'occasion du 150e anniversaire ce n'est qu'un résumé de quelques pages du livre du P. [Charles] Roume. J'ai toujours l'intention d'écrire mes souvenirs des années [19] 28 à [19]31 où je me trouvais seul avec les anciens soit au noviciat soit ensuite à la Maison St Joseph. Ce sera court bien sûr mais j'aurais besoin pourtant de vérifier des détails, en consultant les archives et cet prend du temps.

Nous avons passé de bonnes fêtes de Noël. Le P. [Paul] Mallon en particulier se porte bien et nous sommes heureux de l'avoir avec nous. Par contre la santé du P. [René] Robert nous inquiète et son travail de directeur semble trop lourd.

Encore bonne et sainte année! Avec mes fraternels sentiments en N.S.

Félix Pouzol.

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Maison Saint-Basile
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France

April 27, 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter and for all the news it contains. Now that I am assigned to Saint Michael's, I realize how much news I have to catch up on. And not just news, but the history of the last sixteen years! Especially since I have spent fourteen of them in France! It seems strange to hear visitors from America drop names in my presence that are universal knowledge there; my blank stare of ignorance surprises them till they know how long I have been on this side of the water.

Michael Sheehan came here in Mid-March and stayed till after Easter. Jim Farge and Michael and I went to St-Ignace for Good Friday services (that's where Father Gélineau directs the choir) and to St-Sulpice for the Easter Vigil, since there was none at St-Ignace. Olier would have been pleased to see the church sparkling clean. According to the dates I have, the present church was begun when he was curé. The soot and fumes of Paris had blackened it, like so many other monuments in Paris. And then De Gaulle and Malraux came along and started leaning them up. The change in Paris landmarks is amazing: Notre-Dame is clean, the Sainte-Chapelle, the Louvre, and so many other famous buildings.

Dick Donovan joined us three for a trip in the M S-B "404" to the Vallée de l'Automne, north

of Paris; this outing included visits to the old Benedictine church at Morienval and to the huge château at Pierrefonds. On Holy Saturday, Michael, Jim and I went under sombre skies to Beauvais and Amiens: the cathedrals are beautiful even in such conditions; it rained while we were in Amiens. Unfortunately, the outside of Amiens has not been cleaned. But we are fortunate the cathedral is even standing!

Michael has gone on to Italy, after a brief stay at Annonay. He will be back in early June for a couple of days. Before that, we hope to see John Callaghan, who is now at sea, sailing for Italy, from where he promises to call us. I hope he comes here.

O yes, two other Sunday trips: to Fontainebleu (driver Jim, Frank Amico -- he was in Italy at Easter, Bernard Buisson, an American Benedictine brother, and a Mexican friend of Frank's and yours truly). That was two Sundays ago. Last Sunday was a special excursion: to "l'Arche" where we had a long talk with that extraordinary woman, Madame Vanier, wife of the late Governor-General. When she heard that Basilians had arrived, she beamed. She asked about Father John [M.] Kelly, I remember. Perhaps others and about "Larry Lynch" (a former professor of mine!) She's been there for six months this time (she has come over every year for the past four or five or six years). We didn't get to see Jean Vanier. Too short a visit to really know what the place is like. She says that first of all it is a "Christian community." But the assistants (ratio about 1 to 2 handicapped or mentally retarded) are not necessarily "croyants".

But, she asks, how can we put labels on them; some who don't seem to believe cannot be chalked off. On this trip were Dick, Jim and I; a French-Canadian priest drove us in his car; he's from Bathurst diocese (name: "Noël"), parish of Nipisiguit, which comes up in my Thwaites collection of the Relations and Allied Documents.

After all this, you may wonder if I am doing any work. Well, Sunday is sacred, especially in my last year here! I shan't finish, but I hope to have written off the greater part of the thesis. Almost all my ideas are there, but it's organizing the mass of material what is tough. Especially since my prof told me only in January that I must cut back, and restrict myself to 1/4 of the 40 years of the Relations: that is, to Father Le Jeune (1632-1641) are his principals Relations). I had asked my prof if I could do just this 2 1/2 years ago, and he said no, do all of them! So that is where a lot time went, until the mass of material convinced him that Le Jeune would siffice. But he took six months to read what I had handed in. He's a busy man though, as they all are over here. I had better close, with this onion-skin paper. Michel [Deglène] is looking for buyers: after ten or rathe eleven years, it is sad to see the house go. The more important aspects of the future of the Basilians in France is something I can't discuss here. Bill Young knows enough about it, and Michel has just written a long letter from his point of view on the subject (to Fathers [Joseph] Wey, [William] Young, and [Wally] Platt)

The Lord's peace and joy to you, Father. Re-

member me. Hello to all at the "College" [St. Michael's] Take care. And cheerio!

Charlie

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St. Thomas More College
Saskatoon
Saskatachewan

January 27, 1972

Dear Bob,

Yours was a very pleasant letter and one that was highly interesting received during this week. Her Majesty's mail got through, despite the Air Canada strike! How is Gene O'Reilly investing all those big winnings on pools that come to him so easily? Maybe he's got a system! It is always good to receive some news from the East. Your letter ended up on our bulletin board. Saskatoon is setting all kinds of new sub-zero records the past week or so when we have experienced even a 51 below. Father [Kevin] Kirley is taking therapy for his arthritis thrice weekly at the University Hospital; but, of course, the treatments are only beneficial in a mild manner. No curative value! Kevin is very happy here. He swims, takes "brisk" walks often, teaches a class in French, and takes a dynamic interest in all that happens at STM. That Super Bowl that was so highly publicized turned out to be rather dull game, don't you think? It was certainly no "cliff-hanger" or "barn burner". Have you encountered Peter Swan to pick up some of the news from the West? Classes end here on March 30 -- an extremly short academic year. Any day now, the students will be asked to fill out a questionnaire evaluating their teachers and the courses taught. This procedure always generates some fire, heat and much steam from certain profes! By the way, Ian Boyd wants to thank you for having sent to him the magazines.

He will be dropping you a line, Bob. Been out to Musselman's Lake lately?

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Oscar

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Mount Allison University
Sackville, New Brunswick
Canada

Dec. 4, 1972

Dear Father Scollard,

Here's a bit of research I published recently. Do you still look after this? If not, please send it along to Wally [Platt]

The Murphys are being decimated. I guess that must happen in every family. We Reinsboroughs are still intact. My father is in hospital now and his prostate gland was extracted just a few days ago. I understand he is doing well and expects to be home for Christmas.

Father T.A. [MacDonald] got himself another Doctor of Laws. This time from St. Thomas University in Fredericton. I would have gone to Fredericton for the occasion if I had known about it beforehand. It received very little, if any, pre-publicity. Fredericton is just a 3-hour drive away.

Things are going very well here at Mount Allison. I am quite busy as Christmas nears. This morning I was up at 6:30 AM to drive through a minor snowstorm to Dorchester Penitentiary for an Ecumenical Service at 8 AM. I brought a few students along to sing and play guitars. These maximum security prisons are quite depressing - especially one as old as Dorchester - and some folk music livens up the service. Then it was back to Mount A Chapel for a Mass at 11:30 AM. Since I was up to 2:30 AM the night before (an occupational hazard as Don of Residence), I wasn't too surprised to wake up in the 3rd quar-

ter of the Grey Cup game after conking out in front of the set somewhere in the 1st quarter! The active life takes its toll in sleep.

I shall be in Toronto shortly after Christmas for a week. I'll be seeing you then. Until then, Merry Christmas!

Sincerely in Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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Mount Allison University
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Canada

February 6, 1972 [sic, should be 1973]

Dear Father Scollard,

We just had our Solemn High Mass in Latin on Sunday evening in the University Chapel. It was very well received. All the rubrics and movements that you had worked on so long with me came through beautifully. I was amazed on how easily the whole thing came back. I was the Deacon and Mike MacDonald, an ex-CSBer now on our English staff, was Subdeacon. A priest from Moncton was Celebrant. The 90-member choir did Haydn's Theresien Messe and did it masterfully. They even did some of the Proper in Gregorian Chant. Thanks for supplying O'Connell [Book of Ceremonies]. I'm sure that we will have another such Mass next year. The students especially seemed to be turned on.

I hope winter has been kind to you. We have had a very mild winter to date with little snow. Most unusual for the Maritimes. I buy the Globe and Mail occasionally and it seems as if you're outdoing us so far in cold weather production. Tell Father [Thomas] MacDonald that. He might be more inclined to visit us in our wintry times as well as during the summer.

This is the hectic part of the school year. But March break is only days away. It will be a welcome respite. I'll probably go home to Dalhousie during that time. My brother wants to snowshoe into his log cabin in the woods but there may not be sufficient snow then. It is a

distance of about 15 miles from the nearest plowed road. That's not too good because the lack of snow is preventing me from doing some snowshoeing to get into shape for the hike.

Lent soon starts. Are you going to give up ice cream? Maybe I should ask whether you are going to give up breathing! Well, bye for now.

In Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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E. Arthur Roberts
March 26, 1972

2345 University W.
Windsor, Ont.

Mar. 26, 1972

Dear Bob,

Sorry for the delay in answering your Christmas letter. Like so many things that get put aside till later - it got forgotten. John O'Farrell's account of his recent visit to Toronto and of your hospitality reminded me of my oversight.

Rodd Scott, the Alumni Director, tells me that he has all of Frank Mallon's old records, along with copies of the Alumni Chatter. He will be glad to give you access to whatever you need. I suggest you contact him directly and come down for a few days visit and research.

My work has gone exceptionally well this year. I believe I'll end up with an "A" standing. I've delayed my 'major paper' until this summer so I won't get my degree until next fall. After a few days rest following my last exam, I'll get busy on it. I've already done a lot of the spade work so I don't expect any serious problems.

Wishing you all the blessings of the Risen Christ.

I remain sincerely yours,

Art Roberts

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Mount Saviour Monastery - Hendy Creek Road
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Dec. 16, 1972

Dear Father Bob:

Thank you for your note. The Trappists of Oka are talking seriously about founding a monastery in the vicinity of Barrie I understood. As you say there is a paucity of such religious in Ontario. Mt. Saviour has a recent small foundation - Christ in the Desert near Albuquerque, N.M. John Barry and our residence may know of it.

Monastic Studies is being published again, edited by an enterprising monk about my age, Brother Peter. Brochure enclosed.

The life here is at the same time very traditional and yet open to the modern world (a combination difficult to find I suppose).

Christmas peace and joy

Leo S

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St. John Fisher College
Rochester, New York

January 16, 1971

Dear Bob,

Thanks a lot for the sermon and for your letter. It was kind of you to write. It was a pleasant surprise.

All is well here. Bill Gibbons should be here this week for visitation. We begin our second semester tomorrow. We're on a new schedule and I like it very much. We went right up to a few days before Christmas and had a nice break after the holidays. Bob O'Halloran and I took a little trip last week - Windsor, Gary, Detroit. It was really nice. I saw a lot of confreres that I hadn't seen in years.

So far the flu hasn't hit us very much on campus. I hope we continue healthy.

Bob O'Halloran and Bill Marceau gave the Beckett Hall Seminarians their annual retreat during the last couple of days. I sat in a lot and gave the final homily today. They did a good job.

Regards to all -

Sincerely in Christ

Joe T.

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Rome, June 5

Dear Father Scollard,

Tomorrow I finish my period in Rome. There is yet time to write the letter, part of which should have been sent to you weeks ago. For I learned of your brother's death and I prayed for him. In spite of good intentions I did not get the desired letter written. At least my prayers ran ahead of my hands. You know that you have my sympathy and my prayers.

Bill Irwin passed me the copy of the program for the Canadian Catholic Historical Association meeting. It looks like a good program. Who is D.S. Shea? I presume that he is an Anglican cleric. We shall talk of all this when I get back.

Bill handed in his thesis some weeks ago. It was returned last week as acceptable. He now has to do some bibliographical checking and see to the typing. It looks as though the next term will see him through. His brother arrived a week ago last Friday and they left eight days ago for a trip to Germany. Bill will go on to Cambridge, where he hopes to spend two months at St. Edmund's House. He is a delightful man - very much appreciated here.

Your letter arrived just before Bill left and he had no time to see to it. I tried to find out something about the Dizionario in a variety of ways but with no success. This afternoon, after a final visit to the Centre of Hygiene to have shots - cholera this time - I went on to the address you gave and had a talk with the director. The book is definitely going ahead; I saw the proofs. But they are having a dreadful

time trying to get information out of some communities. It seems like a bona fide operation, in fact I think that it is associated with an excellent Catholic Bookstore on the same street (by the Lateran Basilica) and with a similar name. I don't know if it is the same group as the Sisters of St. Paul who were concerned with such matters in Toronto. So my advice would be to go ahead and write the article on the founders. He was a little surprised to learn that we were not "founded" in the usual way; perhaps the point that we are the work of a committee as much as of an individual might be worth making. That is, if you have space; I gather that the articles are short. It seems reasonable to me to ask to see the proofs or at least final editor's copy. I didn't think of it at the time unfortunately.

Here in Rome there have been some gatherings of Basilians. John Callaghan and Bob Howell were here for about ten days, using the College as a base of operations. I joined them for a very interesting trip to Sicily. Later, I realized that in my mind Sicily meant Mafia. It certainly made me give up some ideas very quickly, for it is a very exciting place. They have gone now. Bill left soon after and I was left to hold the fort alone. However, Paul Mallon arrived Friday and he will be the representative for a while. My how he grows on one! I had always found him quiet and difficult to know at home, but in Annonay and here where we have more time for each other, he reveals himself as a very fine priest. The good he does at Annonay is really remarkable.

Tomorrow I fly to London to begin preparations for a journey to Turkey (hence the shots) as part of a group excavating a 5th century Byzantine monastery. I will take more than two weeks getting there and will return in August. There isn't much I can say of this at the present stage, since I am completely ignorant of such things. I know that it will be hot in the day and cool at night. I doubt if they have ice cream. But when I come back, no doubt I shall oodles to say.

Rome has pleased me very much. It is my first visit of any length as you know. Fr. [Vincent] Kennedy outdid himself for Walter [Principe] and me during ten days in 1952. On that basis, I have been able to build pretty well even though my work at the Vatican Archives has held first place. But there is so much to see that I feel even more than I did before that I have not begun to know it. However to have been here for an election, spring, early summer, the holidays at the beginning of June, and to have studied and visited a bit as well is not a bad accomplishment in eight weeks.

Before coming here I spent about five weeks in Paris living at St. Basile. That was a most welcome bit of Basilian life after having been on my own for ten weeks in England. The English period went well too, though the strike was something of a bother. I mustn't exaggerate that either for the winter was so mild that I rarely suffered from cold. Of course when the lights went out one couldn't read, so I often got more sleep than usual.

Such is the news of me. I am well. May all be well with you. Pray for me - perhaps especially during these next months which won't be without their special problems.

In Our Lord

Michael Sheehan

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Jay F. Walsh
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Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
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Dear Father Scollard:

I've been asked to look after the publicity for the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebration of the founding of the Basilian Fathers here in Houston. The local superiors and regional representative have decided on the followkng program:

1. Mass at St. Anne's with the public invited. It will be concelebrated with Bishop Morkovsky as the Principal Celebrant and Bishop Nold the Homilist.

2. There will be a dinner following the Mass for all Basilians at the University of St. Thomas.

I wonder if you would be so kind as to send me any historical information you may find on the Basilian Fathers, particularly in Texas, that might be suitable for publication in both the Secular and Religious Press.

All is oging well here at St. Anne's. Father [John]Robbins is a welcome addition to our staff; he's an intelligent, capable person. We're also happy to have Fr. Frank Burns back with us for the winter. He's in excellent health and a big help in our parish work. Fr. [Francis] Monaghan returned Monday from San Diego where he was re-

ceived as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. Are there any other Basilians in this Order to your knowledge? The temperatures here have been in the high 80's, but a cold front is now on the way which will throw the temperatures down into the fifties - that's really cold for us Texans!

Hope all is well at the College and that you're in good health. Please write as soon as you can. Many thanks in advance.

In Christ,

Jay

Jay Walsh, C.S.B.

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